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Health and Prosperity

BY CHARLES FILLMORE

IF YOU are interested in the teachings of Unity to the extent that you read its literature we count you one of our students. If you join us in our nine-o'clock silences you are becoming an advanced student and your mind is becoming illumined. However you sometimes wonder why we make such radical statements of perfection in the face of contradictory conditions. Where the appearance is the opposite of that which we affirm our class thoughts for this month may of course seem ridiculous.

There is a reason for this spiritual radicalism, and this reason is found in the creative law of God, supported by many texts of Scripture.

It is logical to assume that a perfect God would create a perfect man, and this is borne out by Scripture. The 1st chapter of Genesis states that God created man in His perfect image, with dominion over all the other ideas involved in the creative law.

God does not create the thing but that which pro-

duces the thing. God images Himself as a perfect, ideal man, with power to reproduce Himself in many men. This ideal man in His reproductive work is named Jehovah in the Old Testament and Christ in the New. God is Spirit and this Spirit must be the sustaining element in all creation. Even the men that Jehovah God forms from the "dust of the ground" must be images of the original perfect man.

Jehovah and His family of men and women are to co-operate in becoming conscious of the perfection that they inherit from God. "Be ye perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

We are the people who are using our mind under creative law to manifest the perfect man.

See or behold with your mind's eye the perfect spiritual man and he will gradually appear. As Paul says, "we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory." (II Cor. 3:18.)

The natural man, in conjunction with the creative attributes of the spiritual man, uses this law of unfoldment in everything he thinks and does. When he fails to consult the spiritual man in his thinking, the natural man brings forth death and disaster, after the flesh.

The physical organism and all conditions that are manifested in the body are first in the mind as thought images. By our thinking we have formed these images and by the same power we can dissolve them.

Where man is ignorant of the higher power and the material image has grown very robust, the higher power can be invoked and a divine adjustment made. This higher power is God, and God is Spirit manifesting itself in us all. All those who have developed the power of the Spirit can control thought and cast out

the "demons" or error-thought images by the power of the word.

The power to use the Spirit word is acquired through prayer and study of spiritual principles. When through decrees and spiritual statements of Truth a healer has an inner realization that the "demon" has been cast out, he "rests" in the consciousness that "it is finished": that the work has been done and that the patient is healed.

Subsequent treatments or prayers are merely "follow-up" encouragements to the patient while the manifestation comes into the body. For example, a Unity healer was called to help a man who the doctors said would die with dropsy. His body was so full of water that it spurted out of his legs. The healer said she had the realization that the man was healed at the first prayer she said for him, but there was no evidence. However the next day the man was better, in a week he left the hospital, and he is now going about his business perfectly whole.

This ability of the mind to see or behold the perfect man is the result of spiritual training. Paul says we are "transformed into the same image from glory to glory." It is inspiring to think of it as a glorious experience, but those who get the idea and follow it up in even the most prosaic way arrive at very definite results.

The metaphysical foundation of Christianity, as revealed by its revival in this day as a very practical religion, has submerged a lot of its glamour and stripped it of some of its mysteries. Paul says that the existence in man of the spiritual man or Christ is a great "mystery which hath been hid for ages and generations: but now hath it been manifested to his saints . . . which is Christ

in you, the hope of glory." Paul also saw the necessity of teaching this great truth of man's perfection, when he says, "Whom we proclaim, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ."

Above all we need to realize that we live in an age of action. Millions of sincere Christians believe the religion they have inherited saved their ancestors, who are now in heaven, therefore it is good enough for them. So they rest, trusting that the good Lord will take care of their souls.

Thus we have ideal pictures of sainted souls sitting with folded hands in their rocking chairs, patiently waiting for the Lord to come and take them home to heaven. Longfellow writes:

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time."

However an old friend, Confucius, reminds us that footprints on the sands of time are not made by sitting down.

Fullness of Joy

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; and so *shall ye be my disciples. . . . If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love. . . . These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy may be in you, and* that *your joy may be made full.*
—JOHN'S NARRATIVE

In the Treasury of My Mind

BY DOROTHY M. MEAD

I BEGAN the study of Truth, I suppose, for the same reason that most other people begin. I felt life was pushing me around too much and I resented it. Illness had left me flat. I could not get interested in anything, though before my world went to pieces I had had many interests. I had just commenced to be successful in my chosen field. Now I could not work. Something had to happen in a hurry or I felt I was done. What that something could be I had not the slightest idea. Then Unity came my way. Someone had sent me a three-month subscription for *Weekly Unity*.

I did not understand much of what I read. But I was inspired, and I felt better. That was the beginning. Soon however lack of comprehension of what I read made me feel discouraged. I tied all the papers in a bundle and packed them away on a closet shelf. Months later I got them all down and studied them again with renewed vigor. You know how Unity is; once you make a beginning enough of it sticks to make you go back again and again for more. So I finally set to work in earnest. I had to make it work. I had to understand. It was that or quit entirely, and I did not want to quit!

I was terribly slow. I had ups and downs. I was inspired! I was depressed! But I stuck to it and finally I began to reap rewards. Slowly, very, very slowly they came. Gently, very gently I was led along the quiet road of Truth.

I commenced to learn wonderful things. I had al-

ways known of course that I had a mind, but I did not realize until now that God was my mind. I had always felt that I was alive, half alive anyway, but now I learned that God was my life. I had always read about heaven, the kingdom of God, and supposed that some day I might see its streets of gold. But now I learned that the kingdom of God was within me. Even though I had read these words of Jesus dozens of times I never knew until now what they meant.

I began to see that my mind was like a great treasury filled with unbelievable marvels. I began with awe and wonder to focus my attention within, and what I learned and beheld fascinated me beyond description. At the same time I felt humble and meek in the presence of my heavenly Father and all the treasures He had placed within me. Yet those treasures were not separated from God. Each was a part or an attribute of God Himself. More and more I turned within, and these are some of the things I found.

I had always wished I might have lived in the days of knighthood, in beautiful palaces filled with great halls and glittering rooms. But I have found that in the kingdom of God within me there are rooms of such celestial beauty that none but the eyes of Spirit can behold them. Knowledge of them and their beauty is withheld from the grossly human.

I had often thought of Sir Galahad, that knight of deep humility and great purity, and wished that I might have searched with him for the Holy Grail, have seen with him that beam of light "seven times stronger than day" along which moved the Holy Grail, shining "crimson as a ruby." But now I know that the light of that beam could never have been so wondrous as the glistening white light of Spirit within me. And the crim-

son of the grail could not possibly have been so beautiful as the rosy glow of God's love, a love so great that He gave to the world the Christ, that all who believed in Him might have everlasting life.

I had always wanted to visit foreign countries, to see the beautiful lands, the wonderful gardens, the famous sparkling rivers of the world. But I have found that in the treasury of my mind, in the kingdom of God within, are all the riches of the Promised Land, all the beauty of the Garden of Eden, all the sparkling clearness and purity of the "river of water of life."

I had always felt that if only I could have visited Lourdes, perhaps the most famous healing shrine in all the world, I could have found healing for my ills. But I have found that the greatest shrine of all is within me, for there dwells the Great Physician Himself.

I had often pondered on the Trinity, wondering what it would be like to behold the three in One, the One in three. But now I know that I need not wait to go to a far-off heaven to behold It. In the kingdom of my mind I have found the "Holy Trinity." All is mind. God's mind is spirit, soul, body. My mind is spirit, soul, body. God and I are one. I have within me the Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, or spirit, soul, and body.

I used to bemoan the fate that kept me from attending church services on Sundays. I thought God would judge me a sinner, that Jesus would sorrow over my seeming thoughtlessness about Him. But I feel that way no longer. I know now that the church of Christ is within me, that services are continually held there. I know too that I have only to retire to the silence of its glory within to receive the bread and wine of Christ in Holy communion.

But I learned that even these are not all. In the holy temple within there are other gifts, gifts of wisdom, peace, life, and many others. Each has in me a particular place through which it finds expression. Each is carefully guarded and protected in a celestial room of its own. In visiting these celestial rooms in the temple of God within, I so far have been shown by my Father only a few of the myriads of wonderful gifts waiting there for me to discover and express.

There is wisdom, the wisdom of the ages. My mind is Divine Mind and it knows all things. I am the mind of God manifest. *I am wisdom.*

There is love, the love that is beyond all human comprehension, the love of God. John said, "God is love." *I am love.*

There is peace, the peace that "passeth all understanding." In the silence I feel this great peace, and I rest content. I know that I am one with God, that His peace is my peace, and that all the turmoil in the world cannot take it from me. *I am peace.*

There is life. God is my life, and God's life is eternal. So I have eternal life right now. Only I must recognize it; I must know that the life of the Christ within is my life. I must accept my eternal life now. *I am life.*

There is faith, the faith that is God, the faith that is "the substance of things hoped for," the faith by which God made the world and all things in it, the faith by which I make my world and all things therein. *I am faith.*

There is power, the power to speak the word that is within me, that God gave me in the beginning, the power to bring into manifestation all that is in God. *I am power.*

There is light. "God is light," and it is His light that gives me understanding, that shows me the way I must go. God's light is a beautiful light, a light of such purity and gleaming whiteness as can be seen nowhere upon the whole earth. *I am light.*

There is health. God is the health of His people. It is within me waiting for me to accept it. I have only to recognize it, to speak its perfection into every part of my body temple to become perfectly whole. *I am health.*

These are only a few of the wonderful things God has given to me. Nor are they gifts apart from God. No, God and His gifts are one. God is wisdom, God is love, God is peace, God is life, God is faith, God is power, God is light, God is health.

ALL THE THINGS THAT GOD IS I AM.

But I must not let them be passive. I must give them expression. People are the only means God has of expressing Himself, so I must express God. As God has given to me so I must give to the world. "I must be about my Father's business."

For all this I am more than grateful. I have not discovered all by any means. It may take eternity to do that. Jesus said, "I and the Father are one"; but He knew how great the Father was, that even He had not yet found and expressed all; for did He not also say, "The Father is greater than I"?

Yes, I know there are treasures wonderful beyond description in the kingdom of God within me. That I have discovered even a few seems something for me to marvel at, especially after all the barren years I have had. But I know as I search within in humbleness and devotion that I shall find more and more, for "all things whatsoever the Father hath are mine."

Stars for Ideals: Stripes for Discipline

BY GEORGIANA TREE WEST

MANY CONSCIENTIOUS Truth students are asking today what their attitude should be when they are called in the draft. Others are asking what their attitude should be in the matter of civilian defense. In answering these questions one thing must be made clear in the very beginning: Truth students never seek to evade their responsibilities but always endeavor to meet them fearlessly and fulfill them triumphantly.

The first step then for us as Truth students is to see clearly where our responsibilities lie. We believe in the sacredness of human life; it is a tenet of Christianity. We believe also in those Christian ideals which make life worth living: liberty, justice, righteousness, and peace for all. Because of our failure in times past to live true to these ideals we find ourselves now faced with a sudden assault upon them. Shall we defend them against this assault even to the point of accepting the sacrifice of human life? The answer is revealed in the answer to the question "Which is the greater ideal, the sacredness of human life or the sacredness of those ideals of living which make life 'human' and so lift it above the animal?"

Surely defense of these ideals is the higher form of action in the present world situation. Did not Jesus Christ say, "Be not afraid of them that kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell"?

Surely He was telling us that the killing of ideals means living in hell and is far more greatly to be feared than losing the body itself.

Today our country has armed again to defend the principle upon which it was founded, the principle of freedom that proclaims liberty and justice for all. Material means of defense are the only means that we, as a nation, know how to use in the present crisis. Not enough of us have sufficient faith in divine protection, which saves without force, to win the confidence and co-operation of the rest of our fellows. As is usual in earthly affairs, the majority rules, and we are again at war. Because this time our nation is defending to the best of its understanding those ideals which we know are God's good will for man we, as Truth students, must not interfere but must co-operate in our country's effort.

No matter how worthy the motive, interference that harms rather than helps a good cause is always on the side of ignorance rather than wisdom. As Truth students we respect law and order and co-operate in maintaining it by rendering "unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's," even though our inner conviction sees no need for such outer action where we ourselves are concerned. As we render unto God those things which are God's we move in the assurance of divine protection. But the rest of the world has not our faith, and we have no right to interfere with the means it adopts to protect itself.

Wherever we are we can help greatly by being loyal to our ideals; for a very potent factor in hastening peace is the man who is called into the front ranks and performs his duties there with a great compassion in his heart for the whole world and a sturdy faith that

the Spirit of God in the souls of men is constantly moving toward establishing an understanding that will bring about peace on earth. On the other hand, those who are not called to active service but spend their time at home fomenting hatred and clamoring for revenge are really on the side of the aggressor in this world situation, even though they do not realize it. They are throwing in their lot with the forces of hatred and so helping to perpetuate the causes of war and to impede the establishing of peace. Remember that peace, like war, is an effect and not a cause. Causes must be active before there can be any effects. In a recent letter to Unity people everywhere Charles Fillmore brings out this point very forcibly when he says, "Those who stay at home and mentally call down the vengeance of heaven upon their enemies destroy more than those who go to war and pray for the will of God to be done."

Truth students should not hesitate to enter wholeheartedly into the civilian defense program wherever their services are needed. An air warden's insignia helps to inspire confidence in the minds of those who have not learned to find their protection within themselves. The Truth student wearing the insignia can carry the things that make for peace into his *individual* relationship with his fellow workers, even though he is working in a group whose relationships are not of his own choosing. Minds troubled with the problem "What is the right attitude for me in the defense situation?" will find help in Romans 12:18, which Moffatt translates in this manner: "Be at peace with all men, if possible, so far as that depends on you." They find themselves in a situation that does not depend on them alone; it is a situation bred of the will of the many. In this

difficult situation they can be at peace with all men in their hearts and can spread, where it is most needed, ideas of faith, compassion, and forgiveness.

The boy in camp can carry into that military environment ideas that make for peace; ideas that will be most valuable in the adjustments that must come at the close of the war. The voices of all Truth students, no matter what their duties or where they are stationed, will be remembered later as pleas for forgiveness rather than revenge, helpfulness rather than harshness.

Our country's flag is the most beautiful symbol of those ideals for which we as a nation stand, not only for ourselves but for the whole world: ideals of liberty and justice for all. Think of the stars as standing not only for the number of States in the Union but for the ideals that bind these States together. Think of the stripes as standing not only for the thirteen original States but for the sturdy and uncompromising disciplinary measures that enabled these States to stand together valiantly for the upholding of their ideals. Jesus refers to the use of the stripes (strokes of the whip) as a customary disciplinary measure of His time. With very little use of the imagination we can see the stripes of our flag symbolizing that discipline.

Stars for ideals: stripes for discipline. No ideals are ever carried into manifestation without discipline, both of self and others. Every family illustrates this truth. In families where children are allowed to grow up without being disciplined in the observance of high ideals there is no peace for the other members. As the undisciplined children grow into adolescence and maturity they place the rest of the family in bondage to their mistakes, and in such bondage there is no justice. Just as in a family ideals of liberty, justice, and peace

can be forfeited by lack of discipline, even so in the world family of nations ideals can be destroyed because the nations, our own included, do not discipline themselves to the acceptance and practice of them. The world is out of its infancy and early childhood. It would seem to be approaching its adolescence. It still needs discipline. All those who believe in the ideals of liberty, justice, and peace for all men are instruments through which the world must be disciplined.

The battle is won or lost in the realm of mind. It is there that a willingness to follow after the things that make for peace must be established before there can ever be outward signs of peace. Nurse Cavell, one of the martyrs of the last war, knew that love of country must be supplemented by love of humanity before there can ever be permanent peace. One of her last statements was "Patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred in my heart." Peace will come when hatred gives way to tolerance, understanding, kindliness, friendliness, generosity, unselfishness, all of the qualities of brotherly love.

We need not wait for some future time to do our part in establishing peace on earth. We must begin now, right where we are, to practice in our own immediate sphere of influence those things which make for peace. This is the greatest co-operation we can offer to those who have already given up their bodies in the present war in defense of our ideals. Their sacrifice is not wasted if we follow through by doing our best to eradicate the forces of hatred, beginning in our own mind. If we will do this we shall be doing our part in enabling them to reincarnate in a liberty-loving, peaceful world which they once gave their bodies to gain.

As we pledge allegiance to our country's flag let

us remember the symbolism of the Stars and Stripes: stars for ideals and stripes for discipline. We pledge ourselves to ideals of liberty, justice, righteousness, and peace and to the discipline of mind and heart that is necessary to uphold these ideals. Always let us remember that we affirm our faith in the consummation of these ideals not only for our own country but for all the world.

ANSWERS

By Nina Stiles

You ask, "How close is God to me?"
Close as the leaves are to a tree,
  Or stars to midnight skies.
Close as its petals to a rose
And earth to everything that grows.
  Close as your own two eyes.

How dear can God become to thee?
Dearer than any friend could be;
  Kind as a mother's hand;
Dearer than home and those you love.
Sweeter than summer skies above,
  Your own dear, native land.

How strong is God? Ah! It were well
To read the wise old words that tell
  How He made sea and sod,
And in Love's own form fashioned man.
Forever and since time began
  Source of all strength is God.

"Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled"

BY BLANCHE MARIE PETERS

MOTHERS, fathers, wives, and sweethearts of soldiers, do you grieve because of your fears for your son's, husband's or fiance's safety? Or because he is forced to be separated from you and your plans for the future seem to have fallen into ruins around you? Are you filled with dark forebodings and the uncertainty of war? "Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me," said Jesus.

"There's something about a soldier that is fine," so runs the popular song. What is there about a soldier that is so worthy of admiration? Is it his well-pressed uniform, his upstanding form, or the insignia of his rank? It is more than this. It is the courage and obedience and altruism that he symbolizes. It is his willingness to suffer and perhaps die for others and to protect and defend the principles for which he stands. These are the traits in the soldier that we admire. This is the stuff we honor and esteem, the stuff of which the outstanding heroes of history are made. These are qualities we could all emulate with profit. Like the soldier, every individual should have definite ideals, the courage of his convictions, and the purpose to carry them out. He should be unselfish and obedient to the higher authority of God within him.

God bless our soldier boys! Let us back them up with our encouragement. Never let us show tears or weakness in the face of their bravery. It is difficult enough for them to leave their homes, loved ones, friends, and familiar surroundings and adjust them-

selves to the new conditions of camp and military activity. Let us be cheerful and show them that we are proud of them and not afraid for them. If we truly believe in God's protecting power, let us talk and act as if we did. We women can do our part in serving "behind the lines" and helping to keep up our boys' morale. Let us dry our tears, allay our fears, and get busy!

We shall find that we are more than equal to our task if we put ourselves to the test, for there are unused powers within us. We believe with Washington Irving that "there is in every true woman's heart a spark of heavenly fire, which lies dormant in the broad daylight of prosperity; but which kindles up, and beams and blazes in the dark hour of adversity."

Many people are losing their faith in these troubled times and beginning to doubt God. But now if ever is the time to cling to this faith and to understand better the truth about God and man's relation to Him. When a person fully realizes that like all other men he is the instrument of God his faith can never be shaken. God needs more willing instruments to express Him, willing minds to think His loving and constructive thoughts after Him, willing hands to carry out His benign purposes for His beloved children. The more numerous the individuals who choose to do His loving will the quicker will be ushered in the golden age of peace on earth.

At the birth of the Babe in the manger the angels sang, "On earth peace, good will toward men." Jesus came to establish a new order of brotherhood, love, and peace on earth. The core of His teaching was: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself. . . .

this do and thou shalt live." With His last breath He prayed for His murderers: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Jesus was the personification of good will.

Relatives of men in the service, now and here is your opportunity to prove God an ever-present help. Do not wait to pray in earnest until trouble comes. Begin now. Learn to pray scientifically, but in the meantime pray calmly and as though you were talking to your best friend. Talk to God not as if He were afar off, but pray believing that your loving Father is so close to you that He hears your faintest whisper. Do not wait to pray until you are wild with grief or hysterical with fear. Is it not strange that human beings delay becoming acquainted with God until they are at their last extremity? It is such a joyous privilege to commune with our Maker in the secret place of our heart. Make it a daily habit to practice His presence. When you have established the spiritual contact with God-Mind you will be prepared with wisdom and strength to meet trouble and sorrow if they happen to come into your life. It is necessary to understand that sometimes difficult experiences are necessary for the development of the souls of men to their highest capacity in thought, feeling, and knowing, that they may be enabled to express their highest as sons of God.

If you are one who is endeavoring to become more aware of the Creator's presence, try to feel what the words mean as you very simply and humbly say a prayer something like the following:

Father, You know all about me and the troubles I am facing. Place in my mind the right ideas with which to deal with them. Hold me close to Your loving heart so that I may remain poised and unshaken by the storms

of adversity. Never let me doubt You. Help me to know that You are in charge of every situation that confronts me and that You are working out all conditions, making them conform to Your merciful will. Give me the patience to walk step by step with You, according to Your perfect law. I know that You love me as You do all Your children, and like a wise parent You know what is best for my development, even though I may not always understand why some things must be. I will trust You despite appearances. I am infolded in Your peace, which passes all understanding. I send it forth from my mind and heart to bless my loved ones and all mankind. Thank You, Father. Amen.

This daily heart-to-heart communion with God will transform your life. No longer will you feel beaten by circumstances. You will unfold inner resources to live by that you now may think nonexistent, new strength, new courage, new faith, new joy. Something strange but very sweet will begin to grow in your consciousness to aid you in all trials and enable you to walk fearlessly and victoriously. You will be lifted up onto dry land by this something, which is the Holy Spirit, and discover that the star of hope, which at times seemed to shine only faintly, has led you out of a darkened consciousness into the light of eternal day. God's sun is shining always, but we must get into His sunshine to feel its warmth and comfort. This we may do by becoming in turn a "sun" of God and radiating His light and cheer to others.

Every occasion to doubt God is an opportunity to prove Him. "Whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." These words of Jesus are as true today as when He spoke them. If we could know, I am sure we should be amazed at the innumerable

instances of escape from danger through the power of prayer on the part of those engaged in perilous pursuits. Numerous stories of hairbreadth escapes from the bullets or bombs of the enemy came out of the last war. Many saw Christ on the battlefield ministering to the wounded. It is my belief that the power generated by prayer made His appearance possible.

A story is told of a soldier in the last war who loved God and who had no desire to harm his fellow men. What he did have was a great purpose to do his part to protect those precious things which other men had fought for and died to gain and which can be enjoyed only in a free country. He prayed that God would use him where he could serve best. He realized that in spite of his scruples against war he could not stand back and allow other men to pay the cost of protecting his liberty and that of his loved ones. He believed in God's protection and guidance and that here was his opportunity to prove it; and God did not fail him.

It is related that this brave soldier came out of the war without so much as a scratch. Not only that; he was entirely unaware of having hurt or killed any other man, even though he had been right in the thick of the fighting and had done his best gallantly. By taking the light of Truth with him he had been lifted in consciousness out of harm's way. This would seem unbelievable to the ordinary person, but many accounts of so-called miracles were related when the boys came home.

The one whose heart is free from hatred even of his enemies, who nevertheless performs his duty no matter how distasteful, is carrying the Christ spirit right where it is most needed. He is consequently

drawing upon the greatest power for good in the universe. "Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind *is* stayed *on thee;* because he trusteth in thee."

Who shall limit the potency of prayer? The "prayer of faith" will not only "save him that is sick" but it will create a magic circle of impenetrable light around those prayed for, especially when the mind is filled with love rather than fear. Believe this, and if you have a son, a brother, or other relative, or a husband, a sweetheart, or a friend in the army, navy, air corps, or any other branch of the service, use your spiritual power to infold them in God's protecting love. This prayer (which may be used for yourself by changing the pronouns) will help you:

I establish you *(name)* in
The light of God to guide you,
The love of God to bless you,
The power of God to protect you,
The wisdom of God to teach you,
The life of God to restore you,
The joy of God to uplift you,
The substance of God to nourish you,
The peace of God to pacify you,
The Truth of God to inspire you,
The Spirit of God to comfort you,
The justice of God to uphold you, and
The righteousness of God to give you the victory,
In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Not only the men in the service of their country but each of us has a divine mission to perform. It is to help build the sacred structure, to lay the foundation stones, each in his own particular sphere of activity, for the new age that the prophets say is about to be ushered in. Each individual's part in this task is

first to desire to emulate Jesus, who is our exemplar, the pattern for our conduct that the loving Father has provided. Then he must do all in his power to overcome his personal faults and mortal tendencies, with the purpose of expressing in his everyday thinking and living the highest ideals he can conceive and working toward them step by step. The fact is that our divine Parent cannot pass on to His children ready-made those Godlike qualities of character which are acquired only through the growth and unfoldment of the individual, any more than earthly parents can. The individual is responsible for their acquisition.

Each of us is a cog in the machinery of life. Let us do our particular part well no matter how seemingly insignificant, for even the action of a single cog affects the whole operation. We are learning through a common adversity to pull together in unity for the grand purpose of preserving the democratic way of life, of furthering the brotherhood of man through Christ. Let us shake off the demands of self, which considers only "me and mine," and work unselfishly for the good of all humanity.

This is the last hour before dawn for humanity. The chaotic conditions of the world today represent the final desperate resistance of evil that cannot win out over the forces of good, for the Christ light surely is overcoming the density of night as the sun breaks through the darkness at sunrise. Error is destroying itself. Humanity's slow upward climb in consciousness through the ages out of Egyptian darkness, through trial and tribulation, sorrow and distress, ever following the "star of the east" to its goal of divine sonship, will end triumphantly with certain victory as surely as "God's in his heaven."

Made Whole in Christ

BY HELEN PATRICIA BAILEY

WHAT IS IT to be made whole in Christ? It is not merely to be blessed with perfect physical health. Neither is it to have all one's material desires supplied. Nor yet is it sufficient to possess wisdom such as God gave unto Solomon. These are but minor attainments secured as one nears the great attainment of spiritual consciousness.

Though it is true that to be made whole includes all these blessings, nevertheless the fundamental requirement is that you bring into manifestation every phase of the Christ life. You are not whole as long as you fail to express any part of the divine self.

To be made whole then is to have every function of your body and mind, every activity of your outer life, every emotion of your soul working in perfect harmony with God's law of justice and love. It is to walk always in the light of the Spirit, to do God's will at all times.

In fact, to be whole is to be able to claim, as Jesus did: "I and the Father are one." Wholeness in Christ indicates oneness in spirit, oneness in thought, oneness in outer expression with the indwelling presence.

Rest in the Christ and become as a little child. Then will God's will be made known to you, and His strength, love, and wisdom will guide and protect you as you tread the path that leads to the kingdom of heaven and to Christ consciousness.

Wholeness or fulfillment in the Christ is not an impossibility for you or for any other of God's chil-

dren. Did not Jesus admonish, "Ye therefore shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect"? Therefore you may place utmost reliance on your heavenly Father, and He will guide you into the knowledge and expression of His perfection.

There is no perfection outside of Christ, for all that is perfect is a part of Him. All that is imperfect is an illusion of the senses that the intellect has permitted to cast its shadow between your human consciousness and your Christ consciousness. Yet the deception can continue only as long as you tolerate it, for the Christ light ever shines, awaiting the moment when your faith will arise and deny all obstructions between your divine and your human self.

All the good that you express in the outer life is just so much of the Christ made manifest. Then cast from you all adverse thoughts and open your mind so that all of Christ may be revealed in the outer world: that He may speak; that He may teach; that He may heal; that He may save mankind from the terrible disasters that false thinking has brought upon the human race.

Christ can only reach the outer world through God's awakened children. You who hesitate within the borders of the light are needed in His work. Come then into the full light and realization of His presence, become attuned in perfect at-one-ment with Him.

The great work of reconstruction of the visible world has already begun. You and all others who will qualify have a part to perform in this work. For long years you have been trained unto this day of fulfillment. Now all who can give aid are needed as never before in the world's history. Now is the way of service under the leadership of the Christ open to all who are pre-

pared to enlist and serve "for the duration."

Each one who has been so trained, who has accepted the truth of his oneness with the Father, becomes a recognized part of the body of the universal Christ, and thus becomes a factor to hasten the coming of the Christ to all nations and to all men.

Learn now to be still so that the Father may absorb you into His consciousness of perfection; so that you may be made whole in Christ; so that you may become adept in proclaiming God's love and peace and power to all the world.

The Sparrows and I

By Grace Noll Crowell

I have found great solace in the sparrows
That chirp their tuneless songs upon the air;
Their little drab inconsequential flittings,
Their busy stirrings are a cure for care,
As I recall the gentle voice of Jesus
To His disciples on that far-off day:
"Are not two sparrows sold for a small farthing,
And are ye not more valuable than they?"

And "Not one falls without the Father sees it."
I draw strange comfort from these simple words,
For often through gray days I am companioned
By these watched-over, numerous small birds.
It comforts me to know that day and night
I too am kept within the Father's sight.

Give Your Men Love

BY LUCY WATSON

LIFE IS MOVING at an accelerated pace. Even in the smallest village in the United States today life is eventful. Young men who expected to spend all their lives on their father's farm or in his store or factory are being drafted into the army or the navy; or perhaps they sign up with the marine corps. The government may send them to the far corners of the earth, these small-town boys. In the meantime their mothers are confronted with rising prices coupled with shortages. Their fathers are faced with transportation problems. Everybody is concerned with taxes. There is little time to cogitate. While the neighbors are getting ready to tell Bill, Dick, or Ed how they are going to miss him he is already in uniform and off on the train.

Being in an embarkation port, I meet these boys from towns all over America. I pass them on the street every day or stand beside them at an intersection waiting for the lights to change. Snatches of conversation reach my ears. Just yesterday a big fellow striding along with his buddy boasted: "Ma's got us seven kids in the army now and is she proud! You would think to hear her talk we seven could win this war!"

"What a mother!" I thought. Her love and confidence had put a light in the boy's face that would well have repaid her for her courage if she could have seen it. There was a resiliency to the boy's step too that can come only from the feeling that

"God's in his heaven—
All's right with the world!"

But Browning could never have said it for him as well as his mother.

In the post office three sailors were squatting in a corner reading their mail. One youngster was reading a post card over and over.

"All he got's a post card," one chap teased. "Me, I got a letter."

"There's plenty on this post card," the recipient declared. "Plenty!"

His voice was contented; he fairly purred with contentment.

Sometimes I see lonely boys emerging from the post office, their faces set and resolute. They are the ones who have not heard from home. This is my plea: get word to them somehow. Make them know that you are thinking of them and loving them. Write letters, write post cards, send telegrams if necessary. Cookies, candy, letters, these are the favorites. Say in your winged thoughts and in your prayers too: God bless and keep you.

Mere sentimentality is shoddy, but true sentiment is a beautiful and dynamic thing. It has the mark of sincerity. It has the mark of God.

I know that it is very difficult for most of us Americans to express sentiment. My own father never stooped to a compliment. If we proudly twirled our party dresses before him and asked him how we looked he would invariably say, "If you act as well as you look, you'll have nothing to be ashamed of."

It is all very well when life moves along in pleasant grooves, slowly and smoothly, to allow the flower of affection to ripen in its own good time. But when life speeds up and events crowd into hours instead of years the expression of emotion must be speeded up to

meet it. Let the boy who is fighting his country's battles know unmistakably that he is loved and appreciated. You at home can do more for his morale than all the chaplains, understanding though they are.

Nor is this a time for coquetry. In normal times it is certainly pardonable for the maid on the adjoining farm to pique a man's interest by pretending to feel affection for someone else. The complacent fellow may need a little prodding to speed him on his way to matrimony. Today there is no time for coquetry and surely no place for it in the forthright scheme of things. A boy going to war deserves to know that his sweetheart loves him devotedly and that no one can ever take his place in her life.

He must feel too that she trusts him and that she will never question his devotion. Trust is the ballast that keeps the ship of love from listing.

In all fairness to this present generation I must say that I have never known so many honest and sincere young people. They have no time for small artifices. They are so very sane in a mad world. The modern girl is cheerful and reassuring and would not subject a boy to embarrassment in public. If she has any tears she sheds them privately.

These young people are thinking straight. It is amazing to their elders that in the midst of instability of all kinds they can remain stable. In a world of hate they can believe in love. They feel none of the fear of older people as regards lack of security. They have within themselves a perfect security. They have that which cannot be taken away.

Retrenchment and conservation are common terms used with reference to modern life. Giving is the only adequate quality of love. The miracle of love lies in

the fact that outpouring results only in refilling.

We know that the greatest power for healing is love. The knowledge that God and His goodness are realities and that illness of soul and body is only an appearance has done more to rule fear out of our life than any other thing.

Most wars start not because of hate but because of fear—fear of lack, fear of enemy aggrandizement, fear of betrayal from within the state—and fear has in it not one single element of love. It is not dynamic or constructive or creative.

Someone has said that this is the day of one-minute friendships. The author of that statement did not refer to the character of the friendships but to the short time it takes to establish them. When boys from our military units come into our homes we often feel as though we had hurdled years of acquaintanceship.

"Small talk" is almost a thing of the past. Conversation turns to world events and to the evaluation of those things without which men cannot live and be happy. As never before the parting guest needs to leave the home whose hospitality he has enjoyed with his "heart warm within him."

Even a minute is a long time nowadays. Into a minute we can pack momentous thoughts and words. In a London paper last year there was published a notice that has often been quoted. Here it is in all its human hopefulness:

"Tomorrow night the BBC are starting what seems to be a very interesting and significant experiment. At the beginning of the nine-o'clock news broadcast we shall hear Big Ben striking, and it takes Big Ben a full minute to strike the quarter and the hour. The news will wait for that minute. It will be a minute

especially set apart for us to use as we will. For some this minute will be a minute of unity in prayer; for others a minute when they may think of those dear to them, but far away and perhaps in danger. For others again it may mean a pause for thoughts of those they have lost. Throughout the country people are seeking a unity of purpose that goes even deeper than the deep and obvious loyalties to our common cause—we are determined that out of this world chaos shall come a better world."

This London newspaper expressed an idea that can be put into practice by any of us who want our boys to know that we are thinking of them and loving them.

One boy who visited us, a friend of a friend, said: "My folks have supper just about this time. We live on a farm, you know, and my sister's little boy always says 'God bless Dave' after the blessing and before he drinks his milk. It's queer, but lots of times when I was so homesick I could hardly eat the camp chow I'd think of that little shaver, and my appetite would perk up."

Another boy told me that his mother promised always to think of him at sunset and to send him her love across space wherever he might be. Another young man admitted that his biggest thrill was a "sugar report," that is, a letter from his sweetheart.

Give your men love, because that is their greatest need. Then out of this chaos will come without doubt a better world, because it will be a more loving world.

Time is of no account with great thoughts, which are as fresh today as when they first passed through their author's minds, ages ago.—SAMUEL SMILES

Let There Be Peace

BY L. STEVENS HATFIELD

HOW FARAWAY the war seemed as I stopped my car in front of the clematis-covered arched gateway to the dooryard of the Bishop ranch. At home in town I had heard the radio blare forth news of death and destruction. My morning paper had scare headlines of more horror. A fifty-car train had roared through the small town where I lived, carrying tanks, ambulances, and small evil-looking guns. War, war, war, would it never end? Unable to center my mind on my work I had run the car out of the garage and driven into the mountains where the Bishop ranch was situated. I would make a belated call on Mrs. Bishop, who to me was the epitome of peace. In the year I had known her I had never seen her even temper ruffled. I had never heard her speak a cross word to man or beast. As I got out of the car I thought a ranch must be the ideal home of peace. The words of a popular song ran through my mind:

"Home, home on the range . . .

Where never is heard a discouraging word——"

"Hello!" Mrs. Bishop's cheery voice greeted me as I went up the board walk to the kitchen porch. "I was wondering why you hadn't been out to see me." As I mounted the steps and stood before the low rocker where she sat peeling apples for a pie she said, "You look upset, my dear—and on a glorious morning like this."

"If you had seen the trainload of war material that I saw going through town this morning, or heard the

radio report of horrors, or seen the scare headlines in the paper, you would be upset too," I said seriously.

"We have a radio and I always listen to the news broadcasts," Mrs. Bishop said quietly. "Ben brings in the papers at noon from the rural mailbox, and I read those too."

"The war evidently doesn't give you the willies," I said, trying to force a laugh. "You are the personification of peace, calm, and poise. Is it because you live in the country, so far away from man-made noise and so close to God's handiwork?"

"The country is no more peaceful than a battlefield unless you make it so," Mrs. Bishop said calmly.

"But, Mrs. Bishop," I cried, "surely the country has meant peace to you. I have never seen a more peaceful person in my life than yourself."

"Yes, I am peaceful," Mrs. Bishop smiled. "But I wasn't always like this. I had to learn to let the peace of God rule in my heart. Would you like to have me tell you about it?"

"I'd love it," I said fervently.

"Sit down," she said, pointing to a low rocker, the mate to her own, painted a soft green, with a fat gingham cushion to match.

Mrs. Bishop finished the red apple she was peeling and began another before she spoke. Her voice was low and clear, such a voice as belonged with her white hair, her bright blue eyes, and her clear, creamy skin.

"Seven years ago I came to live on this ranch," she said, letting her eyes rove affectionately over the green meadows to the distant mountains beyond. "It was a new and startling, I might even say a terrifying experience to me. I knew nothing about the country except that it was a lovely place to drive through, to go pic-

nicking in, or to sit and meditate in, but to live there, to try actually to gain a living from the ground, was something too big for me to contemplate. I came rather with my back bowed, expecting things to happen to me, and they did. For five years I took it rebelliously; then when God thought I had had enough He took a hand.

"I remember the day. It was cold, very cold, and great sundogs hung in the sky. I think the thermometor registered around forty below zero. About noon a man rode into the ranch to ask if we could put up a small herd of cattle and three or four men and horses for the night. He said the cattle and men were just behind him and would be along shortly. His party, he said, were on their way to the valley to put the stock to grass.

"I waited dinner for them until one-thirty; then I fed the family and washed the dishes. I prepared supper at six and waited until seven before I fed the family. The night grew colder and colder. The food had long since spoiled to my taste when I heard the low bawling of tired and hungry cattle. There were four hundred of them, four tired, hungry men, and three tired, cross dogs.

"Two hours after their arrival I finished the last of the dishes and went to the cellar for something. I have forgotten now what it was I wanted, and I doubt if I ever got it, for there in the dark cold cellar the last of my resistance vanished. I leaned my head against the wall and sobbed. I couldn't, I wouldn't, go through another day like that.

"I don't know how long I cried, and it really doesn't matter. What does matter is that into my stormy sobbing came the most gentle, loving voice I had ever heard, and it said, 'Peace, be still.'

"I was so furiously mad at the interruption to my

woe that I swung around. 'Don't say peace to me,' I cried. 'I wouldn't even know where to look for peace in a country like this.'

"Quite suddenly I sensed that I was the only occupant of the cellar, and as I had studied Truth I knew whence the voice had come.

"I stood there shivering with excitement. God had found me in that dark, cold cellar. I recalled the promise 'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.' Meekly I said, 'Lord, where shall I look for peace?'

"I went silently back to the house, wondering where I should begin my search for peace. I had touched the hem of His garment, and I meant never to lose that touch. As I was preparing for bed my answer came: 'Why not try the Bible?'

"I have learned to follow my hunches. So the next day, after the men and the cattle had gone on their way, I went to my room and began my search for peace. It took me five months to read the Bible, jotting down in a notebook each verse that contained the word peace. When I had finished I had written 'peace' three hundred and ninety-six times.

"Now I would so like to tell you that when I had finished reading the Bible, finished my search for peace, I was in possession of the 'peace of God which passeth all understanding.' But I am going to be truthful. There was not to any outward appearance the slightest change in my mind, my body, or my affairs. I was deeply disappointed. It was as though I had sat down to a bounteous dinner and been called away just as I had unfolded my napkin. I was still so hungry for peace that I began my search all over again.

"This time I turned to the promises of God: 'Je-

hovah will fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.'

"So that was it. I had been fighting, and I didn't have to fight or struggle or endeavor to run the world. God would do it for me. But would He run it to suit me? There was the snag. It would take more than a Bible verse to convince me. Still I was willing to try. I had to try.

"On my desk was a copy of *Daily Word* that someone had sent me through the mail. As I opened it these words stood out on the page: 'Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you.'

"On another page I found 'Let the peace of God rule in your heart.' Let. I was trying to drag the peace of God into my life by the force of my will, and here I was being told to let it come in. I was not to struggle. I was not to wish or search or strain for peace. If I would stand still peace would come to me."

The apples were peeled. Somewhere in the house a clock struck the hour of ten. Mrs. Bishop's niece who made her home at the ranch, came out and took the pan into the kitchen. Her gay song and the tangy odor of spices came gently out to us.

"As I continued my search for peace," Mrs. Bishop resumed, "I came to know that no person or thing or circumstance could interfere with my peace when I knew that Christ was in me; when I knew that I always lived in His presence of peace; that when an inharmonious thought came to my mind I was to let it alone and turn to the Christ within me, the source of peace, where I should find such peace that nothing in the world could take it from me. It was not things in the world about me that gave me peace; it was the consciousness of the presence of God in my own heart.

"I soon came to know," continued Mrs. Bishop, "that if I would stand still and keep still when things of the world tried to upset me, the peace of God in my heart would make me peaceful in all situations. I didn't learn it all in a minute, but I did learn it well. It is a lesson you too will have to learn, my dear. Once you have learned it, no troop trains, no war news, no scare headlines in the paper, no negative condition whatever will make you forget that peace is one of God's most precious gifts."

I drove back to town resolved to emulate Mrs. Bishop's example. I too would turn to the promises of God. I would forget war and its horrors and make of myself a pillar of peace. I would know that peace exists for those who think and speak in terms of peace. I would let the peace of God rule in my heart. I would become conscious of this peace in my heart. I would dwell often on the promises of God:

"Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace:
Thereby good shall come unto thee."

"When a man's ways please Jehovah,
He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him."

It is a magic formula. Try it. Believe me when I say it works. You can become so conscious of the peace of God at the heart of your being that you will cease to believe in inharmony in any form. Make it a daily habit to enshrine God as peace in your heart, and the time will surely come to you, as it has come to me, when you will scarcely be able to call to mind an unpeaceable period in your life, when you will know that "liberty, justice, righteousness, and peace are now established throughout the world, in the name of Jesus Christ" regardless of all outward contrary appearances.

God's Mysterious Way

A TRUE EXPERIENCE

BY ANNE WARNER

HOW KIND God is not to reveal the future to us, and how gracious He is to promise to meet our every need. For how often that future in becoming the present shatters every plan we have made and sometimes causes our house of life to come tumbling about out feet.

For years the tapestry of life had been weaving a comfortable and lovely pattern for me. Of course there had been dark threads too, but mostly my life had gone on fulfilling the plans I had made.

Then like a bolt from the blue came sickness and the call for soldiers for the defense army. The threads in the pattern snarled and the little family that I had kept away from the shoals for so many years seemed headed for disaster.

I want to give my experience, for it shows that God is always a loving Father, waiting to pour His riches on those who walk in faith through the haze of doubt and indifference, like children who take their perplexities to an earthly father.

We should be considered ungrateful indeed if we refused the help of an earthly friend who loved us and offered willingly to share his substance, yet our heavenly Father is both willing and waiting to answer our petitions, and how often we forget Him in time of extremity. For faith can remove mountains of despair and fear. An account of this experience will probably give new assurance to those who face a similar

crisis and lead them to go to their heavenly Father to tell their need.

I have been a widow for a good many years. At the time of my bereavement I was left not nearly as well off as those who knew me supposed. My husband was a doctor in a town that was surrounded by cut-over farms. He had a wide practice and a heart and humanity that shut no one out. His skill was given to the rich and the poor alike, and thousands of the dollars he earned he never collected.

I was left with four children. But we owned our home, and with the aid of the insurance and an investment or two I managed to get along. The girls married young and moved to another part of the country. The boys, who were younger, I wanted to have a college education. I knew that as soon as they were able they would take the burden off my shoulders.

Everything was going along nicely. My older son was studying medicine and was almost ready to start his internship when the call came for men for the defense army. My younger boy enlisted in the flying corps and left for the naval base at Corpus Christi. About the same time my older boy was stricken with a heart ailment that was very serious. He was in the hospital for three months and came home with all hope of getting his degree that year blasted. He would have to be very careful for some time: no excitement, no work.

Young and impatient, he was desperately disappointed. "You've worked so many years, Mom," he said to me as he lay weak and wan on the sunporch. "Now when I began to see my way to taking some of the burden off your shoulders, this had to happen. I wonder after all if there is any design or pattern to

this struggle we call life. Maybe it's all an accident."

I would try to assure my son that things would work out, though I had been wondering the same thing. For there had been a load on my heart for some time, one that my sons didn't know a thing about. It would not have been there if things had worked out as I had expected; and I thought how well the poet Robert Burns understood when he wrote:

"The best-laid schemes o' mice an' men,
Gang aft a-gley
And leave us nought but grief and pain,
For promised joy."

I had found it necessary to place a mortgage on my home, for the investment that my husband had made for the boys' education had faded out the year before. The boys were both working to pay part of their expenses, but courses in medicine and engineering are terribly expensive and hard, and I did not want the boys to worry. Both were studious and ambitious, and I thought the mortgage was a logical way to see them through.

Of course I never would have done it if I had not had about eight thousand dollars left me from an estate in one of the Low Countries in Europe by a relative who had gone back there to live. This money was due the first of the year, several months before the mortgage was to be paid.

But I hadn't reckoned with the war or the fate of the Low Countries, and when the notary wrote me that no money could leave the country then, and perhaps never, I felt like someone on a sinking ship. This news I received when my elder son was very ill in the hospital.

My younger son proudly sent me a part of his small pay each month with a "Gee, Mom, this is nothing to what you'll get when I'm an officer." My throat would

tighten as I saw the check—he was so fine, my young flyer.

But three thousand dollars—where would I get it? The thought of losing my home filled me with panic. It was the home where the young doctor had lifted me over the threshold the day we were married thirty years before. Here our children were born, and here the weary man who worked himself out in the service of others had left us. I felt like a traitor for ever putting the mortgage on it. But it had seemed so certain then that I would have more, much more, than would pay it long before it was due. How I missed the companionship and the sagacity of the doctor as I tried to see a way out of this dilemma. Maybe I should talk it over with my son. I looked at him lying there so weak and listless and unhappy, his firm surgeon's hands thin and white against the bright afghan. No, I dared not tell him what was on my mind; he must not worry. A good-sized hospital bill still remained, but I knew they would not press me for that. Three thousand dollars however was a lot of money. I looked around the dear familiar rooms—they were more than just rooms to me, they had personality. The love and laughter and sorrows and heartaches of the doctor and the children and myself had made this home part of us. Just a few blocks away, where his father had practiced, was the old town doctor waiting for my son to take over, and my son would still live here in the old home with me.

Outside in the big yard a leaf fell now and then, for it was late August. Autumn would soon paint the landscape with glory. As I prepared my son's tray one evening and afterward helped him into bed, I read the letter that had just come from his brother in Texas. He had tried to write a gay letter, but I sensed the

homesickness between the lines. After I had finished my son said.

"Gee, Mom, I feel so useless lying here, and it's so expensive for you, all these extra bills." He reached over and caught my hand as I answered:

"You're coming along just fine. You'll be back in school the second term if you just do as the doctor tells you." Then I kissed him and went downstairs.

I was getting desperate. Who could have foreseen this turn of events? Why did this have to happen? How many times we ask such questions when the days are dark and clouds shut the sun from view. I dropped in a chair and sat there until the summer dusk gave place to a starry darkness. I thought over every conceivable plan to get that money, and I knew as I did so that not one was logical. I was up against it, and strange as it may seem, never once did I think as I sat there of the one source that never fails. Yes, I am a Christian woman, an active member of a church. I had prayed from the time I first learned a childish prayer at my mother's knee, yet I didn't think of God!

I don't know how long I sat there alone. I saw the lights go out in the houses across the street. Then in the silence I seemed to hear a gentle voice saying, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." All at once those words seemed to burn their way into my troubled mind, and it was as though a vise clamped on my heart had opened and I felt release. Here was a friend waiting at my door, and I had never thought of letting Him in!

I dropped to my knees, and I think that was the first time in my life that my prayer was rooted in faith, real faith. A peace that I did not understand began to flow through me as I prayed and laid my burden

before the loving Father. I was very near to God that night, so near that when I rose from my knees it seemed as though I had caught a vision of His face. After all these years I knew that God is the unfailing source in time of need.

That night, for the first time since I had received the disconcerting news from Europe, I had a peaceful sleep. The next morning the burden that had made the days dark was gone. I still had not the faintest idea how I was to get the money, but I had let God in, and I would rely on Him.

Maybe you will call what happened a coincidence. But it was not that. It was one of God's wonders, a miracle, if you please. To me it was an answer to my prayer. It was such a wonderful revelation of God's love and care, and it has made Him so real to me that life has a new meaning.

It was just five days later that a letter came in the morning mail postmarked at a town in New Mexico that I had never even heard of. The letter was addressed to me. Wondering I tore open the envelope and drew out a letter and a check for five thousand dollars made out to me and signed by a man I had entirely forgotten about, a man that we had befriended twenty years before. My doctor husband had taken this man into our home, for he had broken his leg in an accident and had no place to go. I took care of him for four weeks, and when he left all he had to give us was gratitude. I had completely forgotten it until his letter brought the facts to my mind.

The letter told me that he had made some money in oil and had left the doctor and me this amount in his will, but he had just run across a man from our town who told him the doctor had died years before. So he

had sent the money now, thinking maybe I could find some use for it.

I looked at the check, reread the brief letter, and asked: "Is this real? Do things like this really happen?" And then the lines in Cowper's beautiful poem flashed through my mind as I stood there weeping:

"God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform."

The money would not only pay the mortgage; it would give me a much-needed surplus. I took the check down to the bank, and the cashier said he'd have to wait until it cleared before the bank could honor it. It cleared; the bread we had cast on the waters years before had returned, and so the mortgage was paid.

But did it just happen that this grateful friend met a man from our town? No! God led him there. It was God's way of answering my prayer. There may be dark days again as well as bright ones, and sorrow as well as happiness; but I have a faith in God's promises that I never had before, and my relations with my heavenly Father are making my life richer and fuller than ever before.

Child of the sea, the mountain stream,
From its dark caverns, hurries on,
Ceaseless, by night and morning's beam,
By evening's star and noontide's sun,
Until at last it sinks to rest,
O'erwearied, in the waiting sea,
And moans upon its mother's breast—
So turns my soul to Thee!

—WHITTIER

The Law of Prayer

BY JAMES A. BINGHAM

Part Three

JESUS CHRIST spent all His life in the flesh trying to make people understand that the real immortal part of them is invisible, that this invisible part is the Spirit of the omnipresent, omnipotent, omniscient God, and that in it therefore is located all power and all wisdom.

He taught and proved time and again that the visible part of man is the servant of the invisible part and perfectly obedient to it. He proved His statements by using this spiritual power to do things that no mortal or visible agency ever did or could do. He caused those who were considered incurable to be instantly healed. He caused the blind to see and the deaf to hear. He raised the dead, stilled the storm, walked on water, and trees and flowers withered or bloomed at His command. All nature obeyed Him, and the most skeptical were forced to admit that He undoubtedly possessed a wonderful power hitherto unknown to them.

The Master's object was to teach and awaken the people to the fact that they also had implanted within themselves the same divine attributes and powers which would give them dominion over all earthly conditions and things if they would develop and use them in the proper way. They would be able to make their lives something more than that of beasts and raise themselves to His standard. "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works

than these shall he do." Always this condition goes with this promise.

The Bible simply teems with the most wonderful promises, which include all the desirable things of which the mind can conceive, and which all people can bring into their lives, but always on one condition. There must be perfect faith, confidence, in this divine power as being both able and willing to respond to our expressed desires.

This is the pivotal point, because the character of our prayers and our mode of praying will be directly governed by our belief or disbelief in God's ability or inclination to grant what we ask.

Now faith is not acquired all at once. Like other divine attributes it must be developed. The tendency of the objective mind of man is not to have faith in that which it cannot prove by objective means. The objective mind therefore must desire and "will" to have faith in that which is entirely spiritual and not subject to the laws of mortal consciousness. Then reiterated affirmations of the possession of faith impress the creative principle within and open the channel to the higher God consciousness and faith flows out and permeates the outer consciousness.

In order to stimulate the desire for the development of faith, let us look at some of the other promises, besides the very comprehensive one already noted. In the 22d chapter of Job, beginning at the 23d verse, we read:

"If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles. Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the *gold* of Ophir as the stones of the brooks. Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defense, and thou shalt have

plenty of silver. . . . Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee." In the 5th chapter of Job we find promises of protection in time of danger, power over material nature, and prolonged life. In Job 23 and 25 we read that the body may be reconstructed and even restored to youth and health:

"His flesh shall be fresher than a child's;
He returneth to the days of his youth."

In Isaiah is found the promise of such long life that death at the age of one hundred years will seem so untimely as to resemble that of an infant. The whole 91st Psalm is a most amazing catalogue of promises to him "that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High." To dwell "in the secret place of the Most High" is to erase from the mind and consciousness all the outer material world and its laws and to surrender mentally and physically to the inner God consciousness, the realm where the God principle works its wonders unobstructed by man. The only way to reach this realm is to go into the silence long and often until at last the God consciousness is brought back to permeate the outer mortal consciousness.

Surely the things that most people desire and whose lack causes so much misery are trivial in comparison with these wonders, therefore easily obtained, and surely the inducement to try is sufficiently great. People have been praying for centuries, and still the world is full of pain, poverty, sickness, and death. Why is this? There can be only one answer: "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss." This passage is illuminating, for it clearly indicates that there is a right and a wrong way to pray, that there is a "law" of prayer.

In order to comply with this law of prayer man must have perfect confidence in the all-originating

power to keep its promises in answer to our confidence in it. But as before stated, confidence, faith, is not an attribute that one can assume at a moment's notice. Confidence must have some solid foundation to build and grow upon. Faith must be nourished by sound logic, otherwise it degenerates into superstition.

Where then shall we get a logical, reasonable foundation upon which to base our faith in the truth of the promises here recorded? The answer is found in the 22d chapter of Job: "Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace."

If we carefully study Jesus' method of praying and His obvious reasons for using it, we shall get a vastly different idea of our relationship to God than we had before, and as a consequence our prayers will assume a vastly different tone than before.

We have been accustomed so long to hear the prayer of the mendicant, the beggar, the hypocrite, who by servility, self-abasement, and a long rehearsal of his woes hopes to calm the anger and rouse the sympathy of a stern and angry God, that the new Jesus Christ method of prayer seems almost like a sacrilege when we apply it to ourselves.

In the 41st, 42d, and 43d verses of the 11th chapter of John we read: "And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou heardest me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the multitude that standeth around I said it, that they may believe that thou didst send me. And when he had thus spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth."

According to human standards, this would hardly be considered a prayer at all. Yet its instantaneous efficacy and the fact that it was audibly expressed for

the purpose of instructing those who stood by the tomb, and through them all posterity, indicate that it is a perfect model of a perfect prayer for all to follow.

Has this model been followed? Although this perfect model of perfect prayer has been before us for nearly two thousand years, in almost any orthodox church today you will still hear the prayer of the Pharisee, who thinks he will be heard because of his much speaking, his expression of self-depreciation, and his evident attempt to propitiate an angry God.

Again when more than five thousand people followed Jesus out into the desert and when all the food in sight was not sufficient to satisfy a dozen people, did Jesus begin whiningly to entreat the Giver of all good to have pity on the poor worms of the dust? Did he tell God that He knew they were a bad lot, doing the things they ought not to do and not doing the things they ought to do, and so on, and so on, and try to work on God's sympathy for their sufferings? No, He did none of these things. He simply lifted up His eyes and prayed, thanking God for divine abundance. Through this recognition of the omnipresent abundance of God bread unfolded from the ether's mysterious opulence.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Is any among you suffering? let him pray. Is any cheerful? let him sing praise. . . . Confess therefore your sins one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working.—EPISTLE OF JAMES

What Are Realities?

BY AYRTIA Z. DREW

MY SCIENTIFIC friend remarked, "The world situation is utterly hopeless." I replied, "No, nothing is hopeless so long as God exists." He shrugged: "Let's face realities. We're living in a scientific age, and what have scientists told us of God?"

Then the question presented itself, "What are realities?" Realities must be those things which have actual existence; those which endure; those which are not theoretical or imaginary. Can we then depend upon the physical senses to report the truth, reality? We gaze toward the horizon: our eyes tell us the earth and sky meet. Yet we know that this is not so. As we look down the railroad track the two rails seem to converge into one in the distance, but we know they do not come together. All of us have seen mirages—purely optical illusions. The truth about each of these experiences is the exact opposite of what our senses report.

We seem to have a tendency to doubt or even repudiate that which our finite human mind cannot conceive; we find it difficult to accept as true that which we cannot see or touch. Yet how can the finite human mind compass the infinite, the spiritual? Spiritual things are discerned only by spiritual sense.

Scientists know comparatively little about our earth, less about our rather insignificant universe, and still less about the galaxy of universes that throng the space. Since our finite minds cannot comprehend these things, why should we regard ourselves as equipped to dispute the existence of an infinite intelligence, law, or Spirit

that guides these whirling constellations through space? Tennyson must have realized the inability of the human mind to grasp spiritual truths when he wrote:

"Flower in the crannied wall,
I pluck you out of the crannies,
I hold you here, root and all, in my hand,
Little flower—but *if* I could understand
What you are, root and all, and all in all,
I should know what God and man is."

True ours is a scientific age, but science is somewhat inconclusive, a changing thing. What is today accepted as a scientific fact may be disproved tomorrow by further research. And this is well, for it is the creative mind that pushes on the thought of the world until it eventually arrives at ultimate Truth. Often the sturdy scientist boldly plumbing the depths of matter learns of its unreality and finds the eternal reality of God. It is generally conceded now that in the final analysis the molecule, atom, and electron are energy; that the substantial mahogany table we touch is not the solid matter our senses tell us it is but rather a form of energy or force.

John Scott Haldane says: "Materialism, once a scientific theory, is now the fatalistic creed of thousands, but materialism is nothing better than a superstition on the same level as a belief in witches and devils."

And the renowned scientist Charles P. Steinmetz said: "Some day people will learn that material things will not bring happiness and are of little use in making men and women creative and powerful. Then the scientists of the world will turn their laboratories to the study of God and prayer, and the spiritual forces which as yet have hardly been scratched. When this

day comes, the world will see more advancement in one generation than it has seen in the past four."

In sweeping statements these eminent men repudiate materialism. Let us then as alert seekers for Truth turn from matter and find the solution of our problems in things of the spirit. In other words, let us not be content to accept life as it seems to be but to see it as it is. Let us take a positive attitude toward every thought that is unlike God, for evil arguments, sometimes silent and unseen, confront us on every side, and unless we quickly replace sense impressions with Truth—substitute positive, hopeful, healthful thoughts for discordant ones—we shall find ourselves encompassed by difficulties.

The individual who gives his entire thought and energy to accumulating money is in reality, though he may not be aware of it, attempting to satisfy a spiritual demand for a more complete life. For to the one seemingly immersed in materiality, money represents life, abundant life. With money he can purchase choice food, fine raiment, comfort, ease, pleasure, even health, or so it seems. But the time invariably comes, sooner or later, when he learns that money as mere money is but husk, unreal, that it cannot buy realities, cannot of itself bring peace or satisfy spiritual demands; for "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." This does not mean that we should disdain money, food, comfort, and the other good things of life, though they may seem to be material, but rather to regard them as outer symbols of spiritual things. It means to put first things first, and the more spiritual our thinking the more abundantly shall we be supplied with money and the other things which will make life rich and complete.

What then is real? Paul assures us that "the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." We know there is undying reality in Truth, life, love, in sincerity, joy, mercy, humility, in goodness, patience, selflessness. We do know also that as we strive to practice these qualities in daily life, as we seek first "the kingdom of God, and his righteousness . . . all these things [material benefits] shall be added."

The one who would draw upon the inexhaustible resources of God's supply for health and plenty does well to sound the depths of his thinking, to replace unreal thoughts with Godlike thoughts, thoughts that are powerful, peaceful, and irresistible in behalf of good, then he can step out on the promises of God with quiet confidence, knowing that his every need will be met.

A Song of Praise

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"
Thank Thee, dear Lord, that now I know
That I need only seek within
To let Thy blessings' flow begin.

Thank Thee for life that comes from Thee,
For love that teaches me to see
The Christ in every child of Thine:
Their guide Thou art as well as mine.

Thank Thee for wisdom, substance—all
Things now are mine before I call.
Thank Thee for faith to know that Thou
Art all good to Thy children now.

—Lois King Backus

Sunday LESSONS

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Lesson 1, October 4, 1942

UNITY SUBJECT—*The Faith of Christ.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*Faith in Christ as Our Personal Saviour.*—Acts 16:13-15; Rom. 5:1-11.

13. And on the sabbath day we went forth without the gate by a river side, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down, and spake unto the women that were come together.

14. And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, one that worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened to give heed unto the things which were spoken by Paul.

15. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide *there*. And she constrained us.

1. Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ;

2. Through whom also we have had our access by faith into this grace wherein we stand; and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3. And not only so, but we also rejoice in our tribulations: knowing that tribulation worketh stedfastness;

4. And stedfastness, approvedness; and approvedness, hope:

5. And hope putteth not to shame; because the love of

God hath been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit which was given unto us.

6. For while we were yet weak, in due season Christ died for the ungodly.

7. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: for peradventure for the good man some one would even dare to die.

8. But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, shall we be saved from the wrath *of God* through him.

10. For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, shall we be saved by his life;

11. And not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

GOLDEN TEXT—*Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.* —Rom. 5:1.

SILENT PRAYER—*I am at peace because I trust divine love and wisdom to make the kingdom of God manifest in the earth and in me also.*

Faith is a natural attribute of mind. Apparently finite creatures, nevertheless we have the power to conceive of the Infinite. Observing evidences of order in the vast sweep of the heavens and in the atomic world that we approach with the aid of the microscope, we believe that order is a divine state in which faith has a rightful place. It is in divine order that the child should trust the superior wisdom and love of the parent, for such trust is based on the love and care that the parent has bestowed on the child. It is also in divine order that we should trust in divine love and wisdom as the very atmosphere of spiritual Being and seek to breathe that atmosphere. The finite loses faith

in the Infinite only when faith is lowered to a material basis.

Faith has two bases, a material and a spiritual. Faith in material might makes man undertake to establish the rule of force. Opposed to this is faith in spiritual power. These two attitudes have their roots in the childhood of the race. Our well-being depends on our centering all our faith in the higher, spiritual conception of life and Being and holding fast to that only.

In this act of putting our faith in the divine only and establishing it as the basis of our life the will plays an important part. The enlightened will is represented by Paul (meaning "little"). When the will acts in harmony with divine law its work is gentle, and to the superficial onlooker it seems "little." It has taken centuries to prove how great was Paul's quiet but steady and persistent planting of the gospel among the Gentiles.

The work that Paul and Silas began in Macedonia yielded little return in its early stages. Their first converts were among the women who gathered for prayer by the riverside. A river represents a strong current of thought, a current of vital forces, of life in the organism. The name Lydia means "travail" and denotes one who works at developing spiritual understanding in the soul.

Macedonia means "burning"; "adoration." Those who strive to develop faith and consequently spiritual understanding within the soul sometimes are filled with enthusiasm and a spiritual energy out of proportion to the energy they display in the ordinary affairs of every day before they begin this development. Lydia insisted that Paul and Silas lodge in her house during their stay in Philippi: "and she constrained us." The

zeal of the soul recognizes no power strong enough to neutralize or thwart its action.

Without faith there can be neither zeal nor enthusiasm. These qualities simply do not awaken in the soul but remain latent, awaiting the touch of faith to arouse them to action. Faith justifies them, as it justifies peace, joy, hope, and all the other qualities that are characteristic of the Christ consciousness.

If we are to live a well-rounded life there are certain things that we must believe. We must believe in a higher and better order than we now know or can prove. This is the law of faith. To be of benefit to us our faith must be in the Christ, in God. We cannot be one with Divine Mind until we believe in Divine Mind and intrust ourselves to its guidance. Those who acknowledge no higher authority than the intellect claim that no one can know anything of God with certainty. If they develop faith in the divine they can no longer make such a claim, for faith is "a conviction of things not seen."

Faith is the unshakable foundation that underlies character. Faith sees good even in tribulation. It finds cause for rejoicing in hope, which the man of sense considers unjustifiable weakness. Joseph is as outstanding an example of faith as Abraham. In recent lessons we have studied this Hebrew slave in Egypt. Cast into a dungeon and forgotten, he kept alive his faith in God until it brought him clear vision and understanding, then freedom, and lastly power second only to that of Pharaoh. Faith knows no impossibility. It puts love of God into the heart that perhaps was incapable of love before it was touched by the Holy Spirit. It gives us a lively appreciation of the Christ love that is bestowed on us.

The Christ life is the life of faith. This is the life that saves us from doubt, uncertainty, and despair and brings us lasting joy in the knowledge and experience of divine love.

QUESTIONS

1. What are the two bases of faith? What effect on man has materialistic faith? Faith in spiritual things?
2. What has the will to do with faith?
3. The name Paul means "little," and Paul represents the enlightened will. Does the will seem of little importance in holding faith to single-minded allegiance?
4. Can we have zeal or enthusiasm without faith?
5. What must we believe if we are to live a well-rounded life?
6. Why is Joseph an outstanding example of faith?

Lesson 2, October 11, 1942

UNITY SUBJECT—*Loyalty through Self-Discipline.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*Loyalty to Christ.*—Mark 2:14-17; John 6:66-69; Phil. 3:7-11.

14. And as he passed by, he saw Levi the *son* of Alphæus sitting at the place of toll, and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.

15. And it came to pass, that he was sitting at meat in his house, and many publicans and sinners sat down with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him.

16. And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with the sinners and publicans, said unto his disciples, *How is it* that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners?

17. And when Jesus heard it, he said unto them, They that are whole have no need of a physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

66. Upon this many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

67. Jesus said therefore unto the twelve, Would ye also go away?

68. Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

69. And we have believed and know that thou art the Holy One of God.

7. Howbeit what things were gain to me, these have I counted loss for Christ.

8. Yea verily, and I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but refuse, that I may gain Christ.

9. And be found in him, not having a righteousness of mine own, *even* that which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith:

10. That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, becoming conformed unto his death;

11. If by any means I may attain unto the resurrection from the dead.

GOLDEN TEXT—*What things were gain to me, these have I counted loss for Christ.*—Phil. 3:7.

SILENT PRAYER—*The Christ mind has touched my will, and I have become a new creature in mind and body.*

The will comes into play in all transformation of character. No one can change his mind and by will power alone remold his life, but it is equally certain that without developing the will with love, faith, wisdom, and understanding no one can experience the desired transformation.

The publican Levi or Matthew, as he is better known to us, who became a disciple of Jesus, in this lesson represents the will. The publicans or taxgatherers were regarded as great sinners, and were hated by the

Jews. The will is not the easiest faculty to change. The strong-willed person is called "headstrong" or stubborn and is not easily influenced except through love. However when Jesus—who came to call sinners to repentance or to show men how to change their character so as to express their true nature habitually instead of the sense nature that has become engrafted on them—called Levi, the latter "arose and followed him." When love touches the heart, when enthusiasm is set on fire by the flame of imagination, or when new understanding dawns, the will immediately rises to a higher level. As long as the refining influence persists self-will is swallowed up in the good will that we recognize as our nearest approach to the divine will.

Before we can discipline the world, which is sadly lacking in this respect at present, we must discipline ourselves. The purpose of worship is mental discipline. In an uplifted state of mind it is easy to think truly and see things as they are. When Levi became a disciple of Jesus he made a feast for Jesus and invited as other guests his friends from among the "publicans and sinners." The will that is inspired by love and loyalty causes man to aspire to change himself altogether according to the Christ pattern.

When the thoughts are lifted to the plane of the Christ consciousness of life and perfection, the soul is forgiven and the body is healed. True repentance is a definite turning away from error to Truth in thought, word, and deed. Forgiveness is the erasing of the error, and when the cause of disease is removed manifest health follows quickly.

When through the I AM we take up the cleansing of the body consciousness we sometimes meet with opposition. This fact is symbolized by the scribes who saw

Jesus feasting with publicans and asked the disciples why He did so. It is clear that He was not afraid of losing caste, although by associating with hated social outcasts He inevitably lost the respect and support of a great number of the Pharisees. One of their principles was that a religious man who becomes a publican or sinner is to be driven out of the society of religion. It seems that the word "sinner" was a Pharisaic term of special abuse for gamblers, usurers, persons who sold fruit grown in a sabbath year, and the like. As for our brother who sins against us and will not listen to us or those who agree with our views, who will not make friends with us even though the church intervenes, Jesus said, "Let him be unto thee as the Gentile and the publican," i. e., as a stranger with whom we have little in common.

We do not overcome errors by covering them in our consciousness and refusing to recognize them. A right adjustment is made when we uncover them and correct them through the forgiving love of the Christ mind and through speaking words of Truth.

Loyalty to Truth may be the effect of seeing clearly that Truth is the best way to follow. For example, one may see that honesty is the best policy and follow it without even dreaming that honesty is also the best principle, apart from all considerations of policy. Peter and the other disciples followed Jesus because they were convinced that He was true to principle, that He was the Christ. No one else offered them so much or seemed worthy of their allegiance after they had come to know Him. The real achievement is to bring forth the Christ into perfect expression in one's consciousness and whole life. Jesus accomplished this and promised that we should learn to do likewise. To whom else

shall we go? No one else can command our loyalty. The I AM holds our allegiance because it is the core of Truth.

QUESTIONS

1. How is the will represented in this lesson?
2. The calling of Matthew, the publican, to be a disciple represents the first step in the transformation of the will. How does the I AM make this transformation easy and continuous?
3. How is mental discipline related to worship?
4. What has a man's thought to do with his realization of bodily health and the forgiveness of his shortcomings?
5. How do we overcome errors in ourselves?
6. Why does the I AM hold our allegiance?

Lesson 3, October 18, 1942

UNITY AND INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*Growth in Christ.*—Luke 2:40, 52; II Pet. 1:1-8.

40. And the child grew, and waxed strong, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

52. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

1. Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained a like precious faith with us in the righteousness of our God and *the* Saviour Jesus Christ:

2. Grace to you and peace be multiplied in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;

3. Seeing that his divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that called us by his own glory and virtue.

4. Whereby he hath granted unto us his precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust.

5. Yea, and for this very cause adding on your part all

diligence, in your faith supply virtue; and in *your* virtue knowledge;

6. And in *your* knowledge self-control; and in *your* self-control patience; and in *your* patience godliness;

7. And in *your* godliness brotherly kindness; and in *your* brotherly kindness love.

8. For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful unto the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOLDEN TEXT—*Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*—II Pet. 3:18.

SILENT PRAYER—*I hold before me the ideal of the Christ mind, and work to realize it in myself.*

Growth is a condition of life. Even after the body reaches maturity its cells are continually being renewed. When cellular renewal ceases life is at an end. Static existence may continue for a time, but vital, pulsing life is no longer a conscious possession.

All growth is under law. In the plant kingdom it takes place without voluntary action, but in the animal kingdom action is a necessary condition. Except in the simpler forms, such as the coral polyps, the animal has the power of locomotion and can exchange an unfavorable for a favorable environment. In man the requirements of the law of growth are more exacting than elsewhere in the scale of life. Threefold growth is necessary to his all-round development. Of the three, physical development is first.

The child Jesus grew in obedience to law. He therefore increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men. His is a type case that illustrates perfect, uninterrupted growth. Jesus represents our growing inner consciousness that we are sons of God.

The law of creation involves first the idea and then

its fulfillment in manifestation. The formless and invisible divine substance thus becomes the formed and visible Son of God. To designate the bringing into manifestation of the Son of God Jesus uses the term "regeneration." Science uses the word "evolution" to describe in part the bringing into manifestation of the Son of man. The nature of the process by which the manifestation is perfected may vary, but the goal in each case is perfection of the type. "Ye therefore shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

If action is necessary to man's physical growth, it is necessary to his mental and spiritual growth also. A faculty that is not used deteriorates as certainly as an unused muscle. An arm that is carried in a sling becomes flaccid and in time useless. Faith and love, if not exercised, likewise become too weak to be recognizable for the spiritual powers that they are.

The object of growth in Christ is the development of the faculties to the full-orbed perfection that Jesus attained. He told His disciples that through faith in the Christ they were to do greater works than He had done; but until we learn to do the lesser works the greater must wait. Just as a muscle grows stronger and firmer through consistent, regular use so faith, wisdom, judgment, love, imagination, and all the other faculties grow stronger and more efficient through continual exercise. No one can reap the rewards of faith or do the works of faith until he has learned to be faithful and has put his new-found knowledge to the proof. Nor can the one who is loyal to faith in his daily living escape the rewards of faith. He becomes a "partaker of the divine nature" as surely as he remains faithful to the development of the divine in himself. The ox moves slowly, but once hitched to the cart the

wheels follow him at the pace that he sets for them.

In his outer consciousness man may not understand why the all-powerful Son of the Most High should spend so much time in inner communion. Communion is one form of exercise that must precede all growth in the higher realm, and experience proves it necessary. Those who give due attention to communion with God find themselves established in harmony. When they develop one faculty or trait they make the development of the next related trait easier. Diligence leads to faithfulness, even in the performance of everyday tasks. Faithfulness supplies virtue; virtue brings knowledge of purity and goodness; knowledge leads to self-control, which brings patience, and patience ends in godliness. Godliness, though a very high development, is less high than brotherly kindness, to which it leads; and brotherly kindness develops divine love in the heart.

Whoever abounds in these qualities will not be idle in a world that is "white . . . unto harvest." He will be up and doing every day and hour, putting his powers into practical use. So occupied, he will not be "unfruitful unto the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." Knowledge of this kind cannot remain static or unfruitful without degenerating into something less than first-hand knowledge. It becomes cant and narrow pharisaism. When our work has to do with the developing of the Christ in ourselves and in the world, we are up and doing it as best we can.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the law of growth as it applies to man?
2. Was the growth of the child Jesus typical of the law of growth?
3. What is the goal of regeneration? Of evolution?

4. Is use or exercise of the mental and spiritual faculties necessary to their growth in consciousness?
5. How do we become partakers of the divine nature?

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Lesson 4, October 25, 1942

UNITY SUBJECT—*Overcoming through the Christ.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*Steps toward Solution of the Alcohol Problem.*—Eccles. 10:17; Amos 5:21-24; Rom. 14:19-21; II Cor. 6:17; I Pet. 4:1-5.

17. Happy art thou, O land, when thy king is the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!

21. I hate, I despise your feasts, and I will take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22. Yea, though ye offer me your burnt-offerings and meal-offerings, I will not accept them; neither will I regard the peace-offerings of your fat beasts.
23. Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.
24. But let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

19. So then let us follow after things which make for peace, and things whereby we may edify one another.
20. Overthrow not for meat's sake the work of God. All things indeed are clean; howbeit it is evil for that man who eateth with offence.
21. It is good not to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor *to do anything* whereby thy brother stumbleth.

17. Wherefore
Come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord,
And touch no unclean thing;
And I will receive you,

1. Forasmuch then as Christ suffered in the flesh, arm ye yourselves also with the same mind; for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

2. That ye no longer should live the rest of your time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

3. For the time past may suffice to have wrought the desire of the Gentiles, and to have walked in lasciviousness, lusts, winebibbings, revellings, carousings, and abominable idolatries:

4. Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with *them* into the same excess of riot, speaking evil of *you:*

5. Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the living and the dead.

GOLDEN TEXT—*Let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.*—Amos 5:24.

SILENT PRAYER—*By seeking to discern what is right in each situation as it arises I follow the way of the Christ without stumbling.*

Time was when every land had its king, and reference to kings as the ruling power was universally permissible. Today kings are the exception rather than the rule, hence the idea has an alien feel. But if we think of the body consciousness as the "land" and of the will as "king" the words may become more alive for us. When the will expresses noble impulses and worthy desires, it is well with the body consciousness. We may think of wholesome, restrained desires as the "princes." These lead us to nourish the body with suitable food and drink and to partake of both with a view to health, strength, and general well-being instead of allowing the habit of eating and drinking to degenerate into a mere pampering of the sense appetite.

Eating and drinking by schedule, like any other aspect of living by custom, may become an unbearable routine. It will surely become so where the impulse to live life to its fullest and best is absent. Eating for strength easily becomes a habit where strength is de-

sired to equip one to the full for the task that one loves and truly wishes to do.

Self-indulgence or the expression of the sense will is represented by "feasts" and is "despised" by every right-thinking person. "I hate, I despise your feasts." The right-minded person does not entertain the possibility of self-indulgence but keeps the tenor of his life keyed to accomplish the goal he has set before him.

Religious activities that are indulged in as mere matters of form take rank with self-indulgence of the sense nature in their undesirable reaction on the so-called worshiper. Apart from true goodness of heart, outer religious forms and ceremonies are worse than useless; they are pernicious. The form of righteousness without the underlying substance works against one's good; one becomes hypocritical, untrue, an "impersonator" in the spiritual realm instead of an active doer of the law of good. He who at heart does not love Truth, who is unjust and evil, brings worse consequences on himself by his profession of faith in God and service to Him than he would by openly disavowing God and making no attempt to deceive himself or others. Following form in religion tends toward apathy and absence of genuine thought and feeling; a state of mind against which seers and prophets have always warned men if they would live in harmony with the higher self. Obedience to the voice of conscience brings good into our life by unifying our impulses and our ideals, our profession and our practice, and making of the two in each case one new character. "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

Joy and praise are expressions of good qualities, both laudable. They are secondary however to justice

and righteousness. Fundamentals must come first, and whoever lacks a keen sense of justice and a love of right for its own sake is not ready to give true praise or express wholehearted joy. The foundation must be built before the superstructure can be reared.

Justice will "roll down as waters" when men as individuals and as peoples become zealous above all else to be just. Righteousness will become "a mighty stream" when right-minded people set their hearts on seeing what is right and on doing right. The power that brings righteousness down into our daily life and affairs is the cumulative power that is generated by the habit of looking for the right in every situation and working to make it prevail.

It is right that the world should be at peace. We should follow after the things that establish peace first in our own heart and mind, and then in the world about us. Such things cannot fail to edify us and all who come under our influence. Temperance or the habit of self-discipline in all things is one of these.

Life is "the work of God." He who gives in to the lower, sense nature in time destroys his body and with it the body consciousness, which we commonly call "life." Long before he succumbs physically he destroys his power to appreciate the finer qualities of mind and soul that make "the work of God" priceless.

When we arm ourselves with the Christ mind we discipline our thinking as well as our living until we are able to avoid all falling short of the mark. When we are willing to "suffer in the flesh" if need be in order to overcome the self, we are making progress in self-discipline, and in time we shall be free to express the "will of God" and no longer be subject to the vacillations of our own will.

QUESTIONS

1. How can the words "land," "king," "nobles," and "princes" be interpreted so as to interest and benefit us at the present time?
2. Is self-indulgence found in the realm of religious profession? If so, in what form?
3. To what does the following of form in religion tend?
4. Which come first, joy and praise or justice and righteousness?
5. How may we work for peace in a world at war?
6. What is "the work of God"?

HARMONIES

By Della Adams Leitner

A changing world of manners, yet the dawn
Still spreads its rose-hued mantle on the hills;
The evening sky in crimson, mauve, and gold,
With panoramic beauty all earth fills.
Recurring seasons bring their loveliness—
Spring with its budding life of tender green,
Summer all verdure clad with ripening fruit,
Autumn in gorgeous hues at every scene,
Then snowy winter—all in their good time.
Before men left on history's page a trace
Nature in rhythmic order held her sway
And through the ages kept a certain pace.
No dawns, no sunsets, ever are the same,
No leaves are duplicates on flowers or trees;
But through their great variety we see
A pattern of God's flawless harmonies.
Herein is joy if we but seek and find
Attunement to the one and perfect Mind.

My Shepherd

By Francis J. Gable

"I shall not want." The Lord is my supply,
The loving Shepherd that fulfills my need.
In pastures richly green He makes me lie,
And on their substance I may freely feed.

He leads me by the side of waters still,
Restores my soul to needed peace and rest.
He teaches me to heed His loving will
And use aright all things by which I'm blessed.

Though I may walk in valleys deep in shade,
My heart made sad by death of fondest hopes,
I still may face the future unafraid,
For He will clasp the hand that blindly gropes.

His rod of principle is in my hand
To banish doubt and make my pathway free;
His staff of understanding gives command
Of certainty that guides and comforts me.

A table of abundance He appoints
Though I am hedged about by many foes.
His oil of boundless joy my head anoints
Till life with never-ending good o'erflows.

Then sure am I that goodness shall abide,
That mercy shall be mine in richest store,
That in the house of God I may reside
In peace and perfect bliss forevermore.

Silent UNITY

Wisdom lights her lamp in me and I see the Truth.

The Society of Silent Unity, founded more than fifty years ago, is the healing department of Unity School, ministering without seeing them, to those who need help.

Our purpose is to aid through prayer all persons who, having faith in the power of God, ask for help.

Our temporal needs are met by the freewill offerings of those to whom we minister. "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over."

Our Silent Unity group numbers some hundred consecrated workers who are devoting their lives to God's work for humanity. They are proving daily that physical, financial, mental, and spiritual difficulties can be overcome by righteous prayer. Even though everything else may have failed, we shall pray *with* you, for we have faith that "with God all things are possible."

We pray *with* you and also instruct you how to pray to the Father in secret in order that you may help yourself. Silent Unity is praying always, and our co-operation in prayer is of mutual benefit. Do not hesitate to write to us for help because your problem is personal. All correspondence is confidential.

Address your request to Society of Silent Unity, 917 Tracy, Kansas City, Mo. Cable address: Unity, Kansas City.

Give your full name and address

Prayers ANSWERED

These testimonials come from persons who have been healed by the power of Spirit. Those who wish to gain inspiration from some one whom God has healed may write, in care of the Unity School Editorial Department, to givers of these testimonials. Each letter must be unsealed and give the initials and address of the person to whom it is to be forwarded; also the name and date of the periodical in which the testimonial appeared.

I Will Come and Heal

I TELEGRAPHED you asking for your prayers for abdominal pain that was indicative of appendicitis. I am very happy to be able to tell you that, thanks to your healing ministry and a physician who believes in the power of thought and prayer, I did not have an operation. All my organs are still intact!

I cannot tell you what a tremendous relief it was to hear my doctor's decision not to operate. This decision occurred three days after I had telegraphed you. During those three days I felt so sustained and protected. Although the X-ray pictures showed some chronic trouble in the appendix, aggravated by inflammation in the generative organs, my doctor and I feel confident that it can be and is now being cleared up. He found me much improved yesterday, and I think that you may now discontinue your prayer for me.—*R. E. C., New York.*

ABOUT A month ago I wrote to you for prayers for A——, who had entered the hospital with a badly diseased heart, liver, and kidneys. He was given up by his own family. However almost as soon as I had sent my letter to you asking for prayers he showed signs of

improvement. I am thankful to say he was discharged from the hospital yesterday with a perfect bill of health. This is one of the most wonderful demonstrations that I have ever known, and it is a perfect answer to prayer. —*G. M., Canada.*

A SHORT time ago I wrote to you for help with sinus trouble. Almost immediately the trouble began to ease and now there are no signs of it. Our prayers have been answered. Thank you for your help, and may God continue to bless you and your work.—*F. V. L., Massachusetts.*

QUITE SOME time ago I asked for prayers for a badly burned left hand. I am happy to tell you, even though tardily, that I had a wonderful healing. My hand was burned Sunday afternoon, and by Tuesday afternoon I removed the cloth covering that I had used to protect my hand from dirt. I had kept right on with my work at the shop. All pain had left within the hour after I had called for help. Thank you so much, dear friends.—*C. B. P., Illinois.*

Filled with Plenty

JUST A little letter to let you know how wonderful everything is working out for me. I have had a twenty-dollar raise this season, and since writing you in 1934 I have had many proofs of God's loving care.

I quit a position because I thought I wasn't being treated right, and I left at a time when they needed me badly. Of course when I had gained a little understanding of Unity I realized that I had brought everything on myself. I had a desire to go back, so last year I wrote them and told them just what I would like to do.

They wrote back and said a lot of nice things about my work and wished they had an opening for me. I wasn't disappointed at all when I read their letter, but I just said: "Father, I told You what I wanted to do and maybe You have a better place for me."

Three weeks later I received a letter from the manager of the hotel saying he had talked the matter over with his mother and father, who own the hotel, and they had decided they would like to have me back. They were creating a position especially for me, and they also advised me that I would receive a fifty-dollar increase in salary over what I was making when I was there before. I have a nice room in the hotel, and I am the only employee they have ever allowed to live in the hotel.

So you see I told God what I wanted to do and He is letting me do it. For several years I wanted to go back but didn't ask, because I was afraid they would say no.—*A. P. C., North Carolina.*

He Shall Have Abundance

AFTER MANY months I want you to accept a tardy but very grateful thanks. When we asked for our first prosperity bank we were very low mentally, spiritually, and financially. In fact we had to borrow a stamp to send our letter away. We received the bank, but we had so few coins to put in it that we let it sit on our mantel for a few days before anything serious happened. We prayed in our humble way, and then our good began to come. My husband was called for a few days' work, and we kept faithfully at our prayers, blessing our coins as we put them in the bank.

In just a month a miracle happened to us, or so it

seemed at the time. A friend had met my husband on the street and had asked him where he had been and what he was doing. Then and there he was offered a letter to a man who, it seemed, had influence. The next day my husband went to work and he has been at work since, and I am sure your blessings and prayers did it. We were deep in debt, but as the weeks go by each sees us a little nearer the end, and since God is in the midst of our affairs we know all will be well in time.—*Mr. and Mrs. R. M., Colorado.*

Search the Scriptures

I WISH to thank you for the annotations on my first lesson. I have studied them and tried to incorporate them into my life. I believe I am learning as much from them as from the study of the original textbook. I am acquiring the ability really to state what I mean, and I believe I am becoming more articulate. I am going through a phase in my spiritual development that is so awesome I hesitate to express it in mere words. —*Mrs. W. F. B., California.*

My Help Cometh from Jehovah

THIS IS my twenty-fourth year as a subscriber. I could not do without UNITY magazine. This magazine helps my daughter and me over many rough places. Thank you for all of your help.—*A. F., Missouri.*

He Is My Refuge

A WEEK AGO I wrote to you asking you to pray with me for the right and successful outcome of an interview I

was to have concerning a position I hoped very much to get. I want to report now that the interview was successful, and I have the unusually fine position that I wanted so much. It seems to me I could not have a finer opportunity. They asked me only when I could start. I am certain that the prayers you have said for me have calmed my mind and prepared the way. I have gained much in trying to think and pray exactly according to the instructions you sent me. I offer a grateful prayer for Silent Unity.—*D. F., Massachusetts.*

His Truth Is a Shield

OWING TO war conditions there has been an upheaval in the sales department of our company. Five men in my section of ten were changed, but I was not affected. Truth certainly protected me. Younger men and men with longer service in the company had sharp cuts in salary; in some instances have been relieved of their positions. I am certainly grateful for the blessings bestowed upon me.—*A. E. K., Illinois.*

Study to Be Quiet

I WROTE TO you about a month ago asking help for my son in his final examinations. His promotion to a higher grade was doubtful. Your prayers have been answered. He was promoted, and he did so well in the finals that his teacher wrote across his report, "Splendid improvement." Things worked out beautifully. Best of all, he shows great interest in his schoolwork.—*Mrs. W. M., New York.*

A LITTLE more than a month ago I wrote you of my approaching final examinations and asked your prayers

that I might be given the wisdom to write good papers. At that time, due to the strain of studying and attending evening classes four times a week in addition to doing office work every day, I had come to one of those weary phases. Your response to my request was wonderful, so whole-souled and true. I used the affirmation you sent me. When I received my grades yesterday I knew our prayers had been answered. On the four subjects I had an average of 94 per cent. I know that my future success will depend on my reliance on the wisdom of my heavenly Father. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.—*B. H., Virginia.*

Free from Care

WORDS cannot express the great help that I have received from God through Silent Unity. Some time ago I wrote to you asking you to pray for my husband, as he had lost his job twice in one year from drinking. I received a little prayer from you to memorize so that I might pray for him also. He was so far gone that I felt there was not much hope for him, but I prayed the prayer you sent to me faithfully every day and sometimes twice a day. I placed all my troubles in God's hands and carried on as though everything were O. K. I refused to let it upset me, as I realized that whatever happened would be for my highest good. Friends would come to me to offer their sympathy, as they said there was absolutely no hope of my husband's getting reinstated after getting discharged the second time for drinking.

Just about three months after my husband was fired we were getting ready to leave Stockton for San Diego, as my husband had been offered a job there with a

dredging outfit. We were packing some things to put in storage and we were getting everything in readiness to go when my husband received a letter from the superintendent of the railroad he had worked for, stating that he had been reinstated and to report for work at once. It has been almost two years now since my husband gave up drinking. Words cannot express my thanks to God for His blessings and to Unity for showing me the way to receive them. Thank you for your prayers, and may God bless you always.—*L. E. B., California.*

As USUAL I have found that the daily use of the Unity prayers has proven to be a blessing not only to myself but to those with whom I come in contact.

I had another most unusual demonstration four weeks ago. It became necessary to have one of our dogs operated on for the removal of infected teeth and a growth on the eyelid. The veterinarian called us and told us that we had better come and get her if we wanted her to survive, as she had reacted to the anesthetic very unfavorably. When we got her she was actually more dead than alive, gasping for breath. I immediately began declaring that she was divinely protected and a child of God. Before we got her home she had quieted down, and within a few hours she was actually gnawing on a bone. The next day there was only a slight swelling where the teeth had been extracted and within a week she was as good as new.

When I told the veterinarian of her speedy recovery he was more than surprised, as he was certain that she would not recover. To me it is not a miracle but just another demonstration that all creatures are truly God's children; we have only to ask for help for them and it will be received.—*M. L., Wisconsin.*

HELP *from Silent* UNITY

These are extracts from letters that Silent Unity has written to those who have asked our help in finding and obeying the divine law of life.

I am eighty-three years old, all alone, an invalid. I read Unity publications over and over but do not seem to get any benefit from them. I just do not understand how to get the best out of your literature. Can you suggest any way to help me?—*From a letter received by Silent Unity.*

Whenever a person directs his thought to that which is constructive he grows in some way and gains something that is of value. This is especially true of the study of Truth. Because your way has been one of constant, steady unfoldment you may not have perceived any outstanding changes, but we are sure that Truth has been helpful to you.

Often in an undertaking we fail to see the extent of our progress because we are so close to it, and it is necessary for us to get a different perspective in order to appreciate the change. In the same way a person who is in daily contact with a child is not so cognizant of the child's growth as is the person who sees him at intervals. Even though the outer manifestation is not yet what you wish it to be, you may be sure that you have grown in the faith, understanding, and consciousness of Truth that is mighty to bring forth the good.

You may find it helpful before you start reading Truth literature to observe a short period of prayer,

in which you ask God to guide and illumine you and to help you derive from the literature the message that is most inspiring.

It may prove helpful too for you to underline the sentences and passages that seem especially to fit your needs. Do not make a strenuous effort to remember all that you read. Rather give the substance of your thought to steadfast realization of the principles that you find applicable to your own case. Meditate upon these truths. Live with them. Seek to incorporate them into your consciousness. The practical application of even a little Truth is often more helpful than much theoretical knowledge of metaphysics.

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How am I to answer a husband's constant complaint about the paralyzing taxes promised us for the coming year and for many years to come because of this war, which has crippled his business by depriving him of needed materials? Debts loom large that he has found no way of meeting and that under present hampering conditions he will not be able to meet.—*From a letter received by Silent Unity.*

When your husband speaks continually of the great hardships now and to come, he is giving way to a feeling of hopelessness and defeatism. He is assuming that there is no possible way for him to gain prosperity and order in his affairs. Although we do not minimize his problems, we know that there is a perfect way to overcome them, no matter how big they may be.

For your husband to find the way out of his difficulties he needs to give most of his thought to creative effort. Instead of giving his time, energy, and attention

either to a feeling of depression about the present situation or to a criticism of those who seem to him responsible for it, he should be devoting his time to the discovery of a right solution to his problems. You can help your husband most by encouraging him to take a more hopeful view. Instead of mentally unifying yourself with the thought of defeat, keep thinking: *"Through God there is a perfect way for our good to manifest itself. God is in us, and He is wisdom, good judgment, perfect peace, and supply."* Pray for light to see the way in which your good may manifest itself. Do not permit yourself to become emotionally upset about the situation but remain calm. Keep reminding yourself that God will see you through. Have faith that God will see the world through. Then you will be blessed and be a source of blessing.

I believe that God is all-powerful, but I cannot believe that He does spectacular things as He used to. Why did He provide doctors and hospitals if all healing is divine? I am inclined to believe that today doctors are the instruments through which He heals and that He expects us to use them.—*From a letter received by Silent Unity.*

God is the Great Physician and He can heal any condition. But He does His work through the individual who needs the healing. The manner in which the individual receives his healing depends entirely on his faith and consciousness. What will he accept? Does he need medicine? Does he believe that the healing will require months? It is up to the individual. Healing is instantaneous and is gained through spiritual means alone when the individual has the faith to believe that

it can be so gained and is being gained in his case.

Every miraculous healing performed by Jesus came through faith, the faith of the one who asked healing or of someone near him. Jesus was simply the agent through whom God's healing power worked. He was able to heal the centurion's servant because of the centurion's great faith. When He restored the blind man's sight He said to him, "Receive thy sight: thy faith hath made thee whole." Another time He healed two blind men, saying as He touched their eyes, "According to your faith be it done unto you." This shows that miracles can be performed when a person has enough faith to believe in them. They are being performed today just as they were in Jesus' time. Not only do we in Silent Unity frequently receive letters telling of an instantaneous healing, but many well-authenticated cases of instantaneous healing have been reported from other places, such as Lourdes.

Doctors and hospitals have their place, an important one, because the people as a whole need them. They are agents of God's healing power, and they are certainly doing a wonderful work. However many outstanding medical men are today beginning to recognize the mind as a curative force in so-called physical conditions.

We feel that some day the world will have progressed to the point where doctors and hospitals will be no longer necessary, because all persons will recognize that ill-health is not inevitable, that perfect health is natural because it is God's will for His own, and their recognizing this will lead to the manifestation of undiminishing vitality. Until that time of course such outer means of healing as are needful will be here.

The Purpose of Unity

UNITY SCHOOL OF CHRISTIANITY is an independent educational institution, teaching the use of the Jesus Christ doctrine in everyday life.

Its purpose is not to found a new church or sect, but to help men and women of every church and also those who have no church affiliations to use the eternal Truth of God.

The Unity teachings explain the action of mind, the connecting link between God and man. They explain how the mind affects the body, producing discord or harmony, sickness or health; how it brings man into understanding of divine law.

We suggest that you accept what, in our literature, appears to you to be Truth, and that you withhold judgment on the remainder until you understand it better. If you seek the Holy Spirit as your guide to Truth, you will know for yourself what is of God and what is of man.

As we keep on searching for Truth, we no doubt shall change some of our ideas, until everything short of the perfect will of God is dropped from our life and from our doctrine. There would be no difference of opinion among Christians if human ideas did not prevail widely, for there is but one Truth, and some day we "shall see eye to eye."

A Unity center is an association of Unity students formed to provide and maintain a place of assembly, where the principles of practical Christianity, as set forth by Jesus Christ and interpreted in the light of present-day experience by the Unity School of Christianity, shall be taught under the direction of an authorized leader.

Unity centers and study classes are places of religious research for all regardless of creed; and places where helpful instruction in Christian living may be received.

Through the Field Department Unity School of Christianity offers an advisory service for center leaders, and authorizes the establishment of Unity classes and centers.

Information about Silent Unity (Unity School's healing department) is given elsewhere in this magazine.

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The following Unity leaders are conducting a ministry in keeping with the Christ teaching as interpreted by Unity School. With the exception of those designated by (LM) and (LT), these leaders are members of the Unity Annual Conference. Centers are open for teaching, healing, devotional services, and the distribution of Unity literature.

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How Jimmie Came Through	.50
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In Other Unity Periodicals This Month

Not Charity but a Chance

When more than thirty years ago Pastor E. J. Helms set out to collect clothing for the needy folk of his community he did not foresee that from this small beginning would emerge the great enterprise now known as the Goodwill Industries. Today there are Goodwill outlet stores and workshops in many of the cities of the United States, China, India, and New Zealand, the unselfish aim of the founder being still carried out in the conduct of the work. A visit to one of these workshops led Elizabeth Barr Haas to write an article in which she tells of the work itself and of those who take part in it. Her article, "Not Charity but a Chance," appears in *Good Business.*

Trick or Treat

On their first Halloween trickers' party Gail started as a wild-looking witch, Ben as a ferocious black bear, and Robin as a frisky Mickey Mouse. Such fun they had! Soon their baskets were filled with treats: cookies, peanuts, lollipops, and oranges. But they lost their enthusiasm for Halloween stunts when they found a group of older children tormenting little Hermine because she was a German. How they befriended Hermine and made both her and her mother happy is told in "Trick or Treat," a *Wee Wisdom* story by Theobel Wing Alleeson.

Minding My Own Business

In this story, based on a true experience, a woman tells of her fight to keep her faith in her husband when the drink habit had almost ruined his health and his business. Convinced that the problem could be worked out in Truth, she began to think of her husband as a child of God, and she held fast to this thought until the demonstration was made. The steps that Mrs. Lee took to meet this problem are described in "Minding My Own Business," a story written for *Progress.*

Meditation for Peace

"In the stillness of prayer I now open my being to the inflow and benediction of God's holy presence. Silently, gently I release myself from all thought of what the day has brought or yet holds in store for me and those dear to me. Joyfully I turn in thought from the outer and seek the blessed quietness and renewal of the mighty Comforter."

These lines are from "Meditation for Peace" by Reba Paxton, which appears in *Daily Word.*

New Equipment

The washing machine was twenty years old, the vacuum cleaner was worn out, the ironing board wobbled, and the electric iron wasn't much good! How a woman Truth student replaced all this with new equipment is told in the article "The Ever-Present Guide," by Christine Mabry. The author tells also how she learned a secret far greater than that of demonstrating prosperity. She learned more about God and found the way to live according to the best that was in her. This practical article appears in *Weekly Unity.*

Various Unity Activities

Braille

Did you know that Unity literature is available to any blind person who can read revised Braille, Grade 1½? Braille *Daily Word* contains a helpful daily lesson and thought for meditation, besides a number of encouraging and uplifting poems and articles. Braille *Wee Wisdom* is a magazine for boys and girls of 5 to 13 years, which is indorsed by educators. Subscriptions for *Daily Word* are entered free of charge for any blind person who wishes to receive it, and *Wee Wisdom* is also free to blind boys and girls. If you should like to have a sample copy of either one of these magazines sent to a friend, just send us his name and address and we shall be glad to send a copy at once.

Study at Home

Unity offers a home study course by correspondence that has been prepared for students who wish to make a systematic study of Truth. Definite assignments, the grading and return of written lessons, and individual guidance by Unity teachers are a part of this course.

The Correspondence School Course can be very helpful to you either in increasing your own understanding and application of Truth principles or in preparing yourself to become a teacher or healer. If you wish more information about this course write to the Unity Correspondence School, 917 Tracy, Kansas City, Mo.

News FROM UNITY

The Table before You

Kathryn Sanders Rieder has written an article for *Unity* magazine in which she compares spiritual blessings to a table

spread with tempting food. Just as it would be absurd for us to refuse food placed before us if we need and want it, so it is foolish for us to hunger and thirst for spiritual blessings that can be ours if we will only accept and appropriate them to our own use. The author encourages the Truth student to reach beyond his present attainments and bring into manifestation the blessings that are already his in spirit. This article will appear in the November *Unity*.

Kindly use one of our blanks when ordering Unity literature. It helps us give you better service, for the order can be filled more quickly and correctly when the blank is used.

A Treasured Memory

A beautiful memory is something that no one can take from you, and often it brightens the dullest day. Many Unity students treasure their memory of the Unity Band concerts on Sunday evenings during the summer.

Green grass under foot, evening sky overhead, tall poplars making a wall of green, and the sprightly music of Carl Frangkiser and his Unity Band, as well as the inspirational talk by Francis J. Gable, all blend in a never-to-be-forgotten picture.

If you plan to visit Kansas City at any time during the summer months, be sure to include a trip to Unity Farm on Sunday and enjoy the evening concerts in the beautiful amphitheater.

Remember your identity, that you are a son of God and that your inheritance is from Him. You are the heir to all that the Father has. . . . There are opportunities everywhere, just as there have always been, to produce all that you need. ***—From Prosperity by Charles Fillmore.***

The Secret of Prayer

Jesus, the master teacher of all time, went into the desert or the mountain in order to be alone and commune with the

Father. Because of this He was able to do great things: heal the sick, restore sight to the blind, make the lame walk, raise the dead.

The disciples knew that Jesus possessed the secret of prayer, and they asked Him to teach them to pray. Today we who are Christians are seeking this knowledge more diligently than ever before, for we know that the world must be healed of the scars of war when this great conflict is over if a new world is to be born. Charles and Cora Fillmore had this in mind when they wrote the book *Teach Us to Pray.*

The power of blessing is a mystery. We do not know how it works, but we know that it does work. A wholehearted blessing not only helps our affairs, but it fills us with an inner light that seems to satisfy our soul and make us happy. In blessing we are blessed. —*From New Ways to Solve Old Problems by Lowell Fillmore.*

Prosperity

"Wherever you are and whatever your immediate need, you can demonstrate the law." This is what Charles Fillmore says in his book *Prosperity,* and he follows this statement with strong, practical affirmations of prosperity that you can use.

Mr. Fillmore explains how to cast out all fear of lack or limitation and to hold fast to thoughts of abundance.

Child Training

"Of all those who fail to get ahead, statistics show that only 23.5% miss promotion because of lack of skill or ability. The other 76.5% fail because of faulty character traits!"

"Of all who lose their jobs, only 10% are discharged because of specific lack of skill or ability. The other 90% are dropped because of improperly developed character!"

In other words, it is one's attitude toward life and toward others that counts even more than one's skill or ability.

There is no telling how much a good idea may influence a child. For this reason it is important to supply him with the very best literature so that his spiritual as well as his physical life may be developed.

Service

The Unity Sunday School at headquarters is seeking to meet the needs of a changing world and to supply lessons that fit in with the demands that are being made upon it.

Some classes are inviting service men to attend. Members are entertaining these young men in their homes and giving them pleasure in other ways. Teachers of all classes are seeking guidance so that they may speak the right word and be a blessing to their pupils at this time, and many of the people are reporting real spiritual progress.

Health Is Catching

A friend writes: "While visiting a friend I picked up a small book called *Health Is Catching*. I became interested and started reading, and found it was the answer that I've been seeking."

Health Is Catching is a small booklet compiled by Silent Unity. It contains testimonials of the healing of a great variety of conditions. This is the second edition of the booklet, as the supply of the first edition has been exhausted. It is sent free of charge to anyone requesting it. If you should like to have an extra copy for a friend let us know.

Youth of Unity

The Youth of Unity Conference at Unity Farm this last summer inspired many with a new spirit and new joy. The Youth of Unity is an international organization of young people's groups associated with Unity centers, but it is dedicated to all young people everywhere. Representatives of the various Y. O. U. chapters meet each summer at Unity Farm to discuss ideas and to elect international officers.

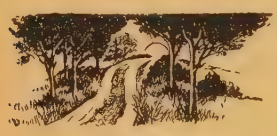
The purpose of the Youth of Unity is to help young people gain a greater realization of spiritual truth through simple, practical teachings. The importance of prayer is stressed at all times, and each meeting of the conference as well as individual chapter meetings opens and closes with meditation.

The Y. O. U. officers now serving for the 1942-43 term of office are Don Harrison, Los Angeles, California, president; Charles Korfhage, Detroit, Michigan, vice president, and Margaret Skalitzky, Kansas City, Missouri, recording secretary. The directors are Faith Cornwall, Orlando, Florida; Talmage E. Hunt, Toronto, Canada; George T. Meyer, Detroit, Michigan, and Tom Butterworth, Kansas City, Missouri.

The Youth of Unity has our blessing as it does its great work, and we are sure *Unity* readers send it an especial blessing too as the young people meet the challenges of the world today.

How a Book Was Born

"*The Sunlit Way,* as a book, was in preparation for several years, ever since a memorable summer's day when the author [Ernest C. Wilson] stood looking down a long California highway, lined with eucalyptus trees. The sun was setting—at



the very end of the road, it seemed—and its bright radiance was reflected on the gleaming surface of the much-used highway. A road of sunlight, leading straight into the glory of the sun itself! *'The sunlit way!'*

"The words kept repeating themselves in the writer's mind. 'It is a symbol of the sunlit way of Truth,' he said. 'Some day I shall tell its story!' So here it is, written out of experience, a little at a time, as some ray of light would flash across the inner world and reveal another step."

This excerpt is from the Foreword of Ernest C. Wilson's book *The Sunlit Way.* You will feel as you read this book that you are in the author's presence and that "you are chatting with a friend who like yourself has sought a way out of the shadows; and perhaps you will be inspired and strengthened to turn from the shadows and walk in the light!"

Consecration Service

On June 24, 1942, Unity Annual Conference members and the Society of Silent Unity met together for a consecration service, which was attended by all the Unity workers.

The theme of the service was peace, and it was based on letters received and replies sent by Silent Unity. It was felt by Silent Unity workers that these letters voiced the doubts and questions in the minds of thousands of persons, therefore the replies would be helpful to many.

At the close of the service the group repeated an affirmation of faith, and the following lines are an excerpt from it:

> "It will be war, not civilization, that is destroyed. It will be ignorance, not humanity, that dies. There will arise a Christian commonwealth of nations where men will live together in fellowship and understanding, working for the common good. We keep the faith with Thee, O Lord, to whom the ultimate victory belongs."

Do not supplicate or beg God to give you what you need, but get still and think about the inexhaustible resources of infinite Mind, its presence in all its fullness, and its constant readiness to manifest itself when its laws are complied with.—*Jesus Christ Heals by Charles Fillmore.*

Unity Periodicals

UNITY—Our oldest publication. It aims to teach Christian healing and Christian living. Charles Fillmore is a regular contributor.

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GOOD BUSINESS—A monthly magazine that teaches business men and women to think in terms of prosperity and success, through the application of Truth principles.

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All Unity periodicals are $1 a year each.

An Announcement

Any new reader to whom you send a subscription for one of these periodicals (except *Wee Wisdom*) will receive a gift that will introduce him to the Unity teaching. It is the new booklet *The Mental Equivalent,* by Emmet Fox. This offer continues through December.

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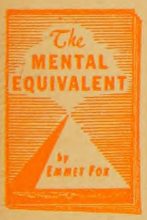
"How Can I Make My Demonstration?"

Truth students often ask themselves this question, which Emmet Fox, noted Truth teacher and writer, answers in this way:

"Supply yourself with a mental equivalent and the thing must come to you. Without a mental equivalent it cannot come to you."

PERHAPS you are wondering how to get this magic "mental equivalent," this spiritual coin with which to purchase your demonstration. Emmet Fox explains how to do this in the new Unity booklet *The Mental Equivalent,* which first appeared as a series of articles in WEEKLY UNITY.

No matter what you are wishing to demonstrate—more health, greater abundance, a more harmonious life—this little booklet will give you practical ideas on how to obtain the thing you want in simple easy-to-understand language.



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Glad Tomorrow

Viola Perry Wanger

Think not that dreams are over and done
Because your dream is broken;
Think not that joy is forever gone
Because farewells are spoken.

As birds on their swift, strong wings fly on
Beyond the sleet and the rain
And find a sunlit valley at dawn,
Or a spring-kissed flowering plain,

So does the heart wing out of its grief,
Into a glad tomorrow,
Forgetting its winter of falling leaf,
Forgetting its time of sorrow.